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...SO
AT THE END, YOU WERE TALKING TO THAT INVESTIGATOR ABOUT HELPING HER STUDY FOR HER TESTS?
...SO IT SEEMS
ISHIGAKI
COULD YOU GO TEACH HER?
ME?
NO, I'M NOT GOOD AT IT
I NEVER REALLY STUDIED SERIOUSLY FOR EXAMS
I SURVIVED BY CHEATING-> MAKING CONNECTIONS-> CHEATING-> MAKING CONNECTIONS...
...AH OKAY...
WAIT
OR WAS THE ORDER MAKE CONNECTIONS-> CHEATING-> MAKE CONNECTIONS-> CHEATING...
RIGHT, RIGHT
THEN GET BACK TO WORK
WELL...
DOCTOR!!
DOCTOR!!
NO MATTER WHERE I AM, THERE'S TRIALS TO GET THROUGH
WELL THEN...
I WONDER WHERE I SHOULD START CUTTING FIRST.
HEH HEH
CHAPTER 62 熱【FEVER】

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INTRIGUE: BRIEFLY UNTIL LICENSED TRANSLATIONS EXIST, ANONYMOUS DOES NOT PROFIT!

IF I COULD REMEMBER EVERYTHING RELATED TO THIS...
ERRR !?
EVEN REMEMBERING THAT IS STILL REALLY HARD...
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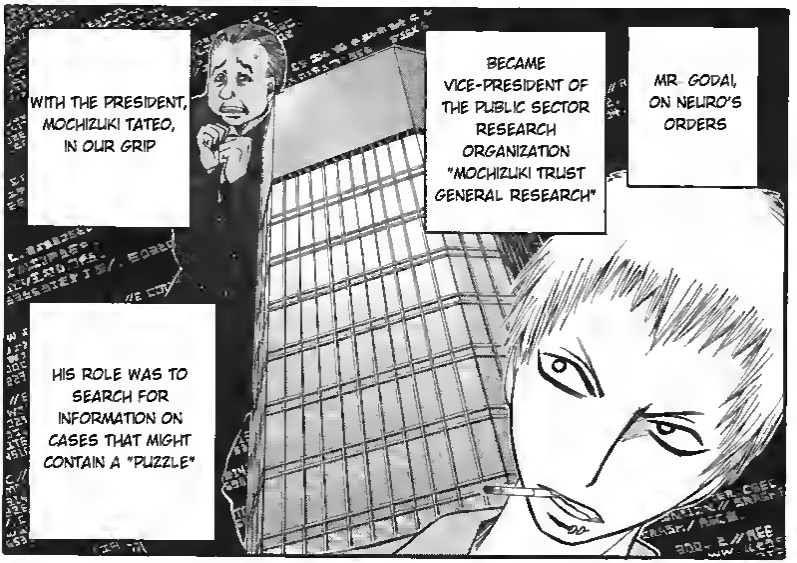
HEY
SO YOU'RE HERE, YOU MONSTERS
I BROUGHT WHAT YOU WANTED
ENTERING THE DATA WAS TOO MUCH OF A PAIN IN THE ASS, SO I JUST BROUGHT IT HERE INSTEAD
OH
MR. GODAI!!
WHAT'S UP?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT WHAT'S UP CRAP

A HUNDRED CASES, FROM MURDERS AND DISAPPEARANCES TO FRAUD
THERE'S MATERIAL ON ALL THE RECENT UNSOLVED CASES ACROSS THE COUNTRY
AFTER MAKING OUR COMPANY LOOK INTO IT

KEH
MY SLAVE AND THEIR SLAVES WORKING FAITHFULLY TOGETHER
WE SEEM OFF TO A GOOD START

GOOD WORK
I DUNNO IF THERE'S A "PUZZLE" OR NOT
YOU GUYS CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT PART


WITH THE PRESIDENT, MOCHIZUKI TATEO, IN OUR GRIP
BECAME VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR RESEARCH ORGANIZATION "MOCHIZUKI TRUST GENERAL RESEARCH"
MR. GODAI, ON NEURO'S ORDERS
HIS ROLE WAS TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ON CASES THAT MIGHT CONTAIN A "PUZZLE"

I HAVEN'T HAD ANY TIME TO BE MESSING AROUND
THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AT THAT COMPANY SUCKS
YOUR CLOTHES ARE MORE RESERVED, TOO
YOUR HAIR'S GROWN A BIT, MR. GODAI
AND YOU'VE BEEN HAD, TOO, THAT'S FALSE INFORMATION!!
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YA TO USE FIVE OR SIX PEOPLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION
GODAI
YOU THINK THE CLIENTS HERE ARE ANY BETTER?
HE'S EVEN FOOLED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BEFORE!!
THAT INFORMANT IS FAMOUS FOR BEING A LIAR!!
IF THEY WERE THE CASES HERE WOULD TAKE PRIORITY!!
I'LL GO SHUT THEM THE FUCK UP...
THEY THINK WE'RE GONNA BE SCARED OF THREATS WHEN WE DEAL IN CLASSIFIED INFORMATION!!
A THREAT!?
SHUT THE HELL UP AND WAIT A MINUTE
GODAI

WHAT IS IT. I SAID I'D BE JUST A...
WHAT!?
GODAI
FOR A WHILE YOUR JUMPING POWER WILL... YEAH, LIKE THAT!!
USE AN ITEM!!!
FINALLY I CAN GET FURTHER IN THE GAME
OKAY!!
I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET OVER THE GORGE
HE'S GOT AN INFORMATION NETWORK, BUT
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT CAN TAKE DIRECTION OR RESPOND TO DANGER
THOSE BROTHERS KEPT THE COMPANY TOGETHER
THINKING ABOUT IT NOW...

MAYBE YOU COULD SAY HE'S A HELPFUL PERSON IN THE SKIN OF A GANGSTER...
FOR SOME REASON, MR. GODAI HAS A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO HELP OUT
A LONG TIME AGO, I HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF CIVIL LAW AND OFFICE WORK BEATEN INTO ME
IT WAS STRANGELY USEFUL
DON'T GET SUED!! HOW TO DO COLLECTIONS
I'VE GOT IT!!
THOSE WITS THAT HE USED TO SURVIVE IN THE FRIGHTENING UNDERWORLD...
IF I ASK HIM, HIS SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IS BOUND TO PULL THROUGH FOR ME!!
STUDYING FOR A TEST?
HUH?
FROM THE RECENT FLOW OF CONVERSATION...
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOIN', INVESTIGATOR
FROM WHAT I KNOW OF HIM, IT UNEXPECTEDLY TURNS OUT THAT HE CAN STUDY!!

REALLY!!
SURE
I CAN TEACH YA
BRATS' HOMEWORK IS EASY
FROM THAT POINT, WHAT DO I DO TO SOLVE IT...
OKAY
HOW TO USE THIS FORMULA AND
FIRST, IT'S NO PROBLEM TO SOLVE IT UP TO HERE
.....
LET'S HAVE A LOOK
WHAT BIT DON'T YOU GET
UMM, UMMM
じわ...
THERE'S AN OPAQUE SOUP COMING OUT OF HIS WHOLE BODY!!

GUH...
APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING
FUHAHAHA
NO, WAIT, HE'S JUST AS HE APPEARS
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AFTER MY SIX YEARS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION WERE UP, I WAS READY FOR THE REAL WORLD!!
SHUT UP!!
LET'S NOT LET HIM IN ON IT...
IF HE KNEW IT WAS NINE YEARS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION, HE'D BE HURT
THANKS...
IT'S OKAY, MR GODAI
UM...
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BUT I'VE GOT LOTS TO READ UP ON!!
YOU'RE WELCOME!!
OHO
THAT IS NOT WHAT WAS MEANT BY, "I HAVE TO STUDY", NOW WAS IT
EVEN SO, THAT WAS A BOUNTY OF LESSONS
SHUT UP!!
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I'LL JUST DO WHAT I HAVE TO DO!!
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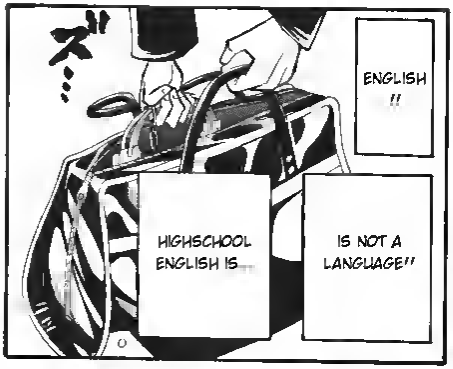
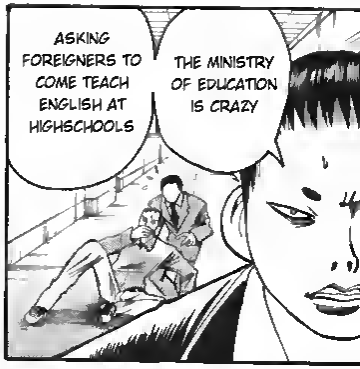
WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN
...?
THE FORM OF A HUMAN WHO TURNS TO MEET HER TRIALS AND STRUGGLES TO EVOLVE
NOT BAD
...HM
BUT...
I SHALL GO TO THE TROUBLE OF MAKING YOU STRONGER THROUGH YOUR TRIALS
!!
MAYBE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING I?
AFTER YOU SAW HOW HARD I WAS WORKING
ON THE SIDE OF YOUR ENEMIES, THE TEACHERS
I WILL USE THIS EVIL AMPULE THAT ACTIVATES THE BRAIN...
!!?
QUITE THE OPPOSITE

JUST A...
WAIT...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANYTHING ON THE TESTS...
IF YOU DO THAT...
IS TAKEN IN BY THE TEACHERS
BUT IF THE STRONGER VERSION FOR USE BY DAEMONS
777 Tools of the Daemon World
EVIL FUMBLE
THEY WILL BE CAPABLE OF MAKING THE TESTS TEN TIMES AS DIFFICULT
WHEN DRIVEN INTO A CORNER, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING
HUMANS ARE SUBERB THAT WAY
S...
TRY EVOLVING TO OVERCOME THIS TRIAL
YAKO
PLEASE, NEURO, JUST LET IT GO!!
I'LL EVEN CONSIDER LICKING YOUR SHOES!!
NO

I FORGOT...
HE'S FAR FROM MERCIFUL AND HELPFUL
I CAN'T EXPECT HIM TO EVEN MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR HUMANS
STOP.....
NO MATTER WHAT... I'M FINISHED
OH NO... IT'S OVER ...
I SHALL DEVISE AN INGENIOUS WAY FOR THEM TO DRINK IT
BUT EVEN IF IT GETS TO THE TEACHERS, IT CANNOT TOUCH THEM DIRECTLY

NO...
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE
SIR!!
WAS HE THE LAST OF THE ENGLISH TEACHERS AT THIS SCHOOL?
I'LL JUST SAY HI TO HIM SINCE HE'S ANOTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS MY NATIVE LANGUAGE
HELLO, SIR!!
LISTENING INSTUCTOR
KENT MCGUIRE
OH!! WHY NOT?
DON'T GO TO GREET HIM
GREETINGS ARE COMMON COURTESY IN EVERY COUNTRY!!!
SPEAK JAPANESE
THIS IS JAPAN
ENGLISH (GRAMMAR) TEACHER
FUJIWARA MANJIROU
I'VE BEEN APPOINTED TO THIS SCHOOL TO DO SOME PART-TIME...
UUH...


ENGLISH !!
IS NOT A LANGUAGE!!
HIGHSCHOOL ENGLISH IS...


ASKING FOREIGNERS TO COME TEACH ENGLISH AT HIGHSCHOOLS
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS CRAZY

JUST MEMORIZATION !!
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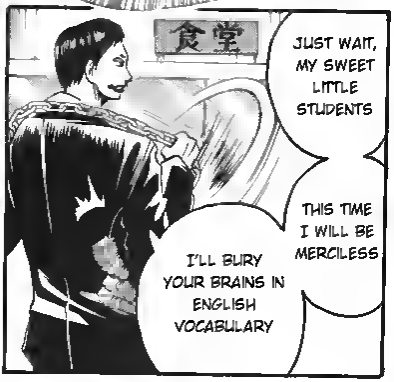
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JUST WAIT, MY SWEET LITTLE STUDENTS
THIS TIME I WILL BE MERCILESS
I'LL BURY YOUR BRAINS IN ENGLISH VOCABULARY

DAILY CONVERSATION AND SUCH THINGS ARE ABOUT AS USEFUL AS SHIT!!
WE CAN MAKE DO WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF TEACHERS WHO CAN MEMORIZE LOTS OF VOCABULARY

DON'T EVEN THINK YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO MEMORIZE IT IN JUST ONE WEEK
I'LL MAKE SUCH A SUPER-SUPER-DIFFICULT TEST...
THAT JUST HEARING ENGLISH WILL MAKE THEM WANT TO VOMIT
AND MAKE ALL THE FIRST-YEARS OUT TO BE MISERABLE FAILURES!!

IF YOU'D LIKE...
I'LL GIVE YOU THESE TO EAT

UM... MR FUJIWARA...
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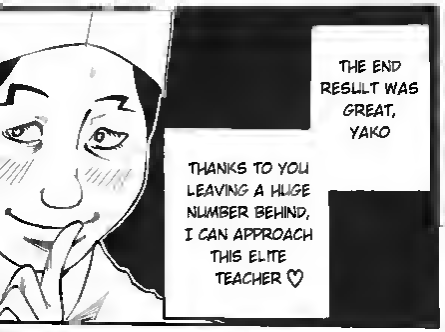
THE END RESULT WAS GREAT, YAKO
THANKS TO YOU LEAVING A HUGE NUMBER BEHIND, I CAN APPROACH THIS ELITE TEACHER ♡

OF COURSE ♡
IS IT OKAY THOUGH, MISS HIRANO!!
OH, I LOVE FRIED OYSTERS!!

PLEASE, GO AHEAD
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I GUESS COMING UP WITH TESTS MAKES ME HUNGRY, HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
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THE TEACHER AND THIRTY STUDENTS WHO ATE THE SCHOOL LUNCH
WENT INTO HOSPITAL WITH A TEMPERATURE OF FORTY-FOUR DEGREES
THAT DAY
NOT KNOWING THE WAY THAT NEURO'S DAEMON WORLD TOOLS WOULD AFFECT
I KNEW THE TRUE CAUSE
THEY WERE DIAGNOSED WITH FOOD POISONING FROM EATING OLD OYSTERS BUT

IT BECAME A DAEMONIC FEVER
AS THE BRAIN WAS DRIVEN RECKLESSLY ONWARDS...
MISS HIRANO STOPPED DOING FAVORS FOR ME AFTER THAT
SCHOOL LUNCHES STOPPED FOR A MONTH
MA'AM !!
I WAS SOMEHOW ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE TESTS AND NOT FAIL
MEANWHILE, IN THE TEN DAYS OF EXTENSION FOR THE TESTS
I EFFECTIVELY HAD THE TIME, AND WITH KANAE'S HELP...

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DO NOT WORRY
SHUT UP!!
AND DON'T BOTHER ME IN WEIRD WAYS AGAIN!!
THAT WAS NOT IN MY CALCULATIONS FOR MAKING HER STRONGER THROUGH HARDSHIP
HUH
I NO LONGER HAVE THE TIME TO MEDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS
FROM THE MATERIALS GODAI BROUGHT
I WILL BE SEARCHING FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NEXT "PUZZLE"
FOR ME, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS FEVER OR FOOD POISONING
BECAUSE THERE IS NO "PUZZLE" IN THE WORLD THAT CANNOT BE DIGESTED
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SOMEHOW, THREE YEARS LATER

CHAPTER 63 火【FIRE】

THAT DAY, NEURO TOOK ME WITH HIM...
TO THE SCENE OF A FIRE
JUST LIKE IT SAYS IN THE MATERIAL I GAVE YOU!
YEAH!!
THERE'S BEEN FOUR CASES IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS
...I SEE
I WAS CONCERNED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT GODAI'S INFORMATION WAS CORRECT, BUT
ONE OF A SERIES OF ARSON CASES IN THE NORTH KANTO REGION
HERE IT IS
ARSON...

MATH PROBLEMS DON'T SCARE ME AT ALL!!
I'M NOT CRYING!!
WHA!?
BY THE WAY, GODA!
I WONDER WHEN THE LAST TIME YOU WERE IN SCHOOL WAS?
I GRADUATED PRIMARY SCHOOL IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THAT!!
THE METHOD OF THE CRIME IS
ARSON, PURE AND SIMPLE, IN THE FORM OF SOME FLAMMABLE LIQUID SPREAD ABOUT
THERE IS NO SIGN THAT A TRICK WAS USED
FIRSTLY, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE PLACE
AH, WELL, THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN CLOSELY VERIFIED
CLEARLY, IT WAS JUST TO HARASS HIM
THE HINT OF A "PUZZLE" BEING CONSTRUCTED INSIDE THE CRIMINAL, EVEN NOW
I CAN FEEL IT
SO, IT'S NOT A "PUZZLE" THEN
?
WHY DID YOU PICK THIS CASE?

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THE NEWEST CRIME...
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
A FIRE WAS SET IN AN EMPTY OFFICE BLOCK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY
THE FIRST ARSON CASE WAS AN ABANDONED AND EMPTY FARMHOUSE AND BARN
THE NEXT TARGET WAS AN EMPTY HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS
THE NEXT HOME WAS TARGETTED WHILE THE OWNERS WERE AWAY
BUILDING -TAN
MOE~...
THIS CRIMINAL SEEMS TO BE IN SEARCH OF ARSON THAT STANDS OUT
IT IS GRADUAL BUT...
HE MUST USE A TRICK TO CREATE AN ALIBI WHILE DOING SO... A "PUZZLE" IS NECESSARY
IF THE CRIMINAL IS ADVANCING TO HIGHER-RISK ARSON UNDER THESE CONDITIONS...
NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION

...HMMMM
I DON'T QUITE SEE IT BUT
ANYWAY, YOU'RE BASICALLY SAYING THAT THE CRIMINAL WILL USE A TRICK AS HIS ALIBI IN THE NEXT ARSON CASE, I GUESS
SIMILAR TO THE SMELL OF THE YEAST REQUIRED WHEN MAKING BREAD
I CAN SENSE THE YEAST OF THE "PUZZLE"
THE SCENE WAS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS USUAL
AND SO
NEURO BEGAN HIS APPROACH TO THE SCENT OF A "PUZZLE"
GULPING NERVOUSLY
...AS USUAL
...YES

HEH HEH HEH
THAT'S RIGHT~~
GROW, GROW
MR. USUI
!!
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WHAT A CUTE LITTLE BUD ISN'T IT
BLOSSOM FOR ME AND SHOW ME THOSE ADORABLE FLOWERS
AH
WE RECEIVED A CALL A MOMENT AGO
?
WHAT, TSUKUSHI
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST NATURE?

...HMPH
FINALLY, WE CAN GO ASK HIM FOR INFORMATION ABOUT X
MR. SASAZUKA'S CONDITION HAS FINALLY STABILIZED
THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF HIM HAS GIVEN US PERMISSION TO GO QUESTION HIM
HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
ALSO
WE WERE FINALLY CONTACTED BY HIM
?
WHAT A PAIN!
EACH AND EVERY ONE
THE LOT OF THEM JUST DO WHAT THEY WANT AND DON'T BUDGE...
IF SO, HE CAN JUST CALL ME, CAN'T HE?
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ?
NO
WE'LL HAVE TO MEET WITH HIM SOON

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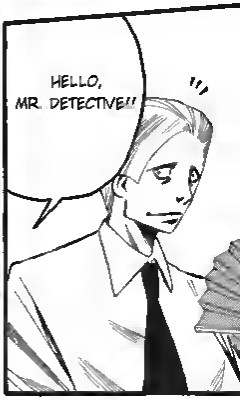
WOW
HE REALLY WENT ALL-OUT WITH IT...
IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE CITY
CERTAINLY, TAKING A HIGH RISK
ONE PERSON RESCUED IN CRITICAL CONDITION!!
RESCUERS, HURRY UP AND CHECK THAT THERE'S NOBODY ELSE!!
.....

I WISH I COULD, BUT
WITH MYSELF DISGUISED AS HUMAN, I CANNOT GO
WE SHALL BE PATIENT AND ENTER AFTER THE FIRE DIES DOWN
...WHAT DO WE DO, NEURO?
YOU'D BE OKAY INSIDE THE FIRE, RIGHT?
DO WE GO INSIDE THE BUILDING AND INVESTIGATE?
...HMMMM
WHAT A WASTE
EVEN THOUGH NEURO SAID HE COULD STAND FLAMES A MILLION DEGREES HOTTER
WHEN I WAS IN THE DEMON WORLD
I ONCE TRIED RELAXING IN A FIELD OF MAGMA TO TEST MY BODY'S LIMITATIONS
...EEH
AND, IN THE END, HOW MANY DEGREES COULD YOU STAND?
.....
ONE BILLION AND THIRTY-SIX
AH...
SO THERE IS A LIMIT TO YOUR SKIN'S TOLERANCE

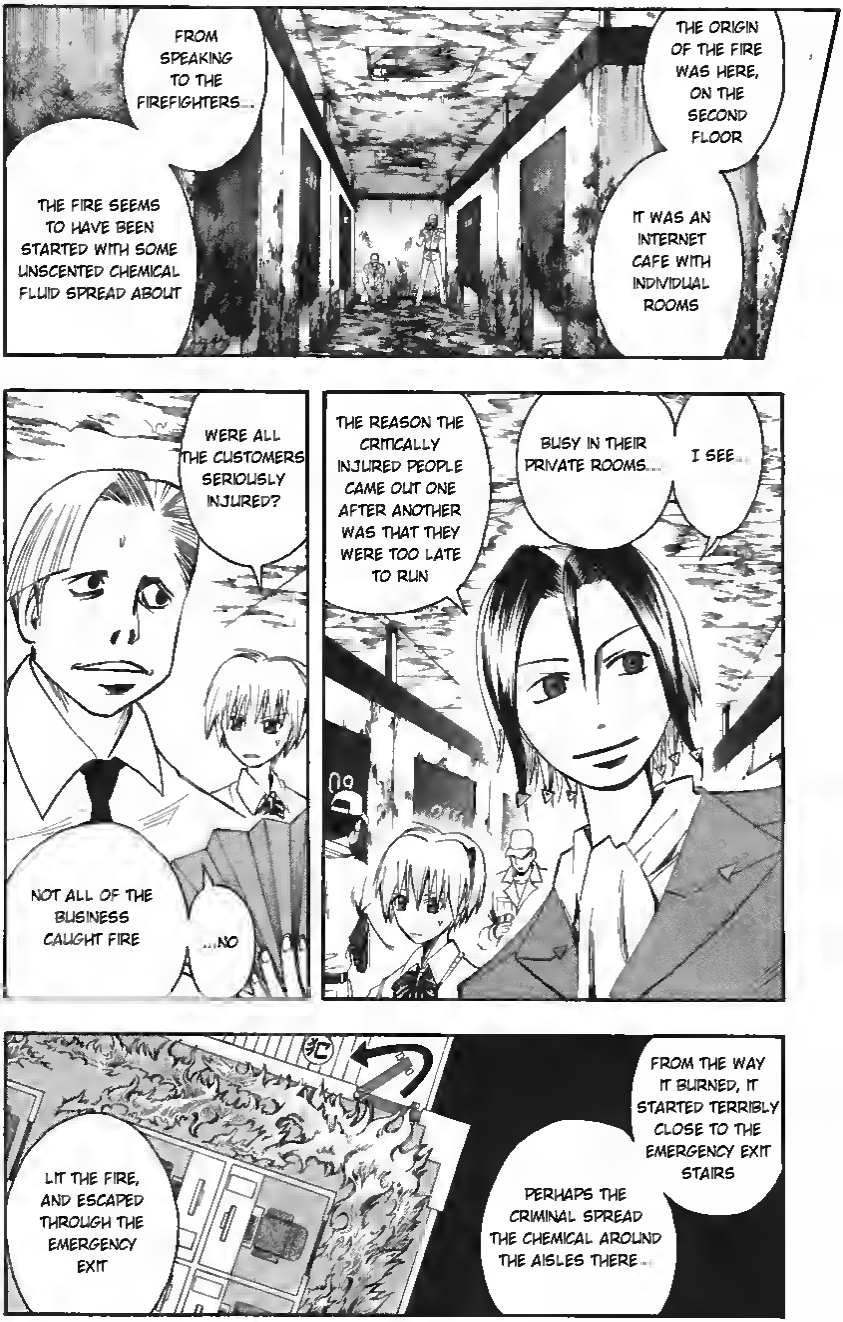
IT'S HIM AGAIN
FROM THE SPEED OF THE FIRE...
THAT ARSONIST
PREFECTURAL POLICE DETECTIVE
KANNO HIROSHI
THERE AREN'T ANY BODIES, BUT EIGHT PEOPLE ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION
MR. KANNO!
RIGHT

WE'RE PASSING INVESTIGATORS !!
IF IT'S OKAY, PLEASE ALLOW US TO HELP WITH THE INVESTIGATION !!


HELLO, MR. DETECTIVE!!

I'M A FAN OF YOURS, PLEASE, LET'S INVESTIGATE IT TOGETHER!!
AH!!
OH DEAR, AN AGREEABLE PERSON...
HIGHSCHOOL GIRL INVESTIGATOR KATSURAGI YAKO!!
WHO SOLVED SO MANY TOUGH CASES...

HUH?
INVESTIGATOR?
WHY WOULD I LET SOMEONE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ON...


FROM SPEAKING TO THE FIREFIGHTERS...
THE FIRE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN STARTED WITH SOME UNSCENTED CHEMICAL FLUID SPREAD ABOUT
THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS HERE, ON THE SECOND FLOOR
IT WAS AN INTERNET CAFE WITH INDIVIDUAL ROOMS
WERE ALL THE CUSTOMERS SERIOUSLY INJURED?
NOT ALL OF THE BUSINESS CAUGHT FIRE
...NO
THE REASON THE CRITICALLY INJURED PEOPLE CAME OUT ONE AFTER ANOTHER WAS THAT THEY WERE TOO LATE TO RUN
BUSY IN THEIR PRIVATE ROOMS...
I SEE...
LIT THE FIRE, AND ESCAPED THROUGH THE EMERGENCY EXIT
PERHAPS THE CRIMINAL SPREAD THE CHEMICAL AROUND THE AISLES THERE...
FROM THE WAY IT BURNED, IT STARTED TERRIBLY CLOSE TO THE EMERGENCY EXIT STAIRS

THEY WERE SPARED BY COMING DOWN THE NORMAL STAIRCASE
BUT LUCKILY, THREE PEOPLE'S ROOMS WERE POSITIONED SUCH THAT IT WAS EASY TO ESCAPE
IT WAS MORE THAN HALF THE CUSTOMERS
THE SERIOUSLY INJURED ONES WERE INTERCEPTED BY THE FLAMES ON THE WAY TO THE EXIT FROM THEIR ROOMS
CHE, WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS
CAN WE GO YET?
AT PRESENT, WE'RE LOOKING FOR WITNESSES WHO SAW ANYONE RUN DOWN THE EMERGENCY EXIT STAIRS BUT
TOLD YA, I WAS JUST HERE KILLING TIME UNTIL WORK
MY BOSS IS GONNA BE AFTER ME IF I'M LATE
PAINTER
HOMURA TETSUYUKI
THERE ARE THREE UNINJURED PEOPLE STILL HERE
WANT TO GO HEAR THEIR TESTIMONY?

MY FIRST GLIMPSE WHEN I LEFT MY ROOM WAS OF A SEA OF FIRE
IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT THERE WAS AN OPEN PATH TO ESCAPE
WHAT-EVER
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S RATHER LUCKY YOU'RE SAFE
NOW NOW
I'M ONLY WORKING OFF MY BATTERY HERE
WONDER IF WE'LL GET TO GO HOME SOON
UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENT
HIDA YUUYA
GAH
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT
BUT THE FIRE'S BEEN PUT OUT AND EVERYTHING'S DONE WITH ALREADY
...I'M NOT INTERESTED ANYMORE NOW THAT IT'S OVER
...YOU'RE PRETTY CALM, AREN'T YOU
...WELL, IT WAS QUITE THE FIRE

I'M STILL JUST DRIPPING WITH GREASY SWEAT
JUST LOOK AT ME
GOK
HA HA HA HA
WHEN I RAN THROUGH THE FIRE I WAS SCARED I MIGHT IGNITE

WHEW
HAHAHAHA
YOU TWO ARE PRETTY RELAXED
CONFECTIONARY COMPANY EMPLOYEE
ATSUGI JUNICHI

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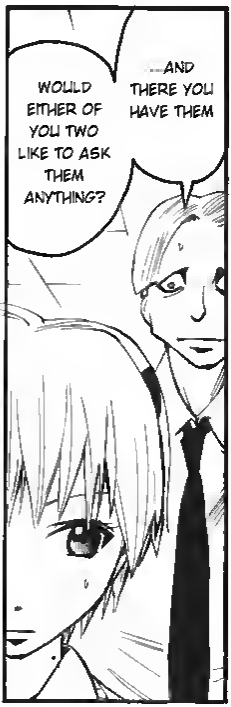
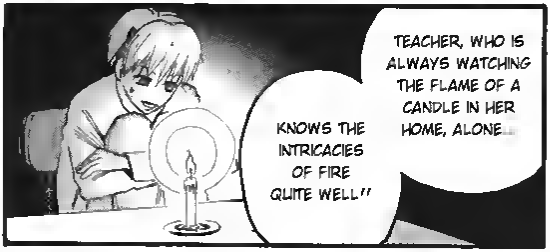
NO!!
TEACHER HAS TOLD ME THAT SEEING THE CRIME SCENE IS ENOUGH!!


...AND THERE YOU HAVE THEM
WOULD EITHER OF YOU TWO LIKE TO ASK THEM ANYTHING?


TEACHER, WHO IS ALWAYS WATCHING THE FLAME OF A CANDLE IN HER HOME, ALONE...
KNOWS THE INTRICACIES OF FIRE QUITE WELL!!

THE ROOMS THE FIRE WAS SLOW TO REACH
JUST GOING IN SHOULD BE FINE, I THINK
FIRST
ALLOW US TO HAVE THESE THREE RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL ROOMS

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN TAKING THE LONG ROUTE TO DINNER
THIS "PUZZLE" IS ALREADY ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE

YES!
THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY FRIENDLESS TEACHER KATSURAGI!
...?
THAT'S WHAT THE INVESTIGATOR SAID?

JUST A MINUTE, NEURO!!
YOU SOLVED THE "PUZZLE" ALREADY? IS THAT OKAY?
BE SILENT
AND I'VE GOT FRIENDS!!

YEAH
TEACHER'S INTUITION SAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS IS LOW
EXPECTED THE CRIMINAL'S ESCAPE ROUTE TO BE THE EMERGENCY EXIT STAIRS, YES?
NOW THEN, MR DETECTIVE, YOU...

HE COULD LEAVE AT ONCE AFTER IGNITING THE MATERIALS
FROM OUTSIDE, IT WOULD BE PERHAPS A FEW SECONDS BEFORE THE EXTENT OF THE FLAMES COULD BE KNOWN
A NUMBER OF SECONDS TO GET DOWN THE STAIRS
THE STAIRS THEMSELVES ARE NOT NOTICABLE BUT
THERE ARE LARGE WINDOWS NEARBY
IF YOU WITNESSED A PERSON COMING DOWN THE STAIRS AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE FIRE STARTED...
IT WOULD LEAVE A STRONGLY NEGATIVE IMPRESSION
...MM
...HE TOOK THE TIME TO LEAVE VIA THE NORMAL EXIT?
IF IT WASN'T THE EMERGENCY EXIT STAIRS...
RATHER TOO GREAT A RISK, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
HE PLANNED THE FIRE TO GO AROUND HIS ROOM
HE COULD PRETEND TO BE A VICTIM AND ESCAPE AT HIS OWN PACE
THAT IS CORRECT.

THE CRIMINAL...
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WHOSE ROOM THE FIRE WAS SLOW TO SURROUND...
IS POSSIBLY ONE OF THESE THREE PEOPLE
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IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE
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SHOULD I HAVE RUN AWAY FROM THE START
NO, THEY WOULD HAVE SEEN THAT ON THE SECURITY CAMERAS ON THE FIRST FLOOR
I CHOSE THIS WAY SO THAT I COULD HAVE A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO THE MOE-MOE I WANTED
...OH SHIT...
ピチャ
BEING IN THIS ROOM IS TROUBLE!!
IF HE SUDDENLY COMES TO PICK OUT THE CRIMINAL...
IT'S OKAY!!
I WON'T GET CAUGHT!!
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USING THAT PARTICULAR CRIMINAL TRICK...

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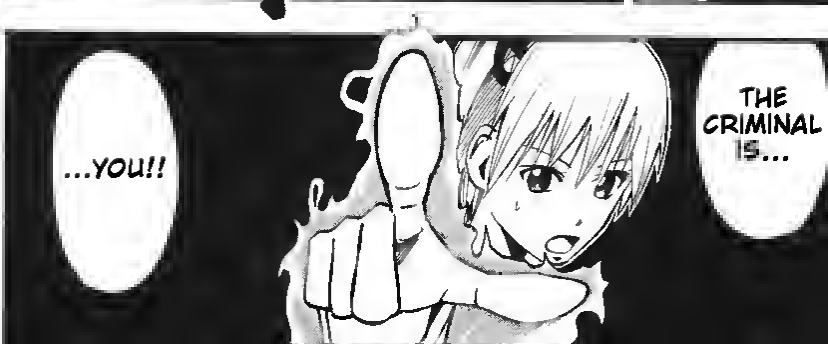
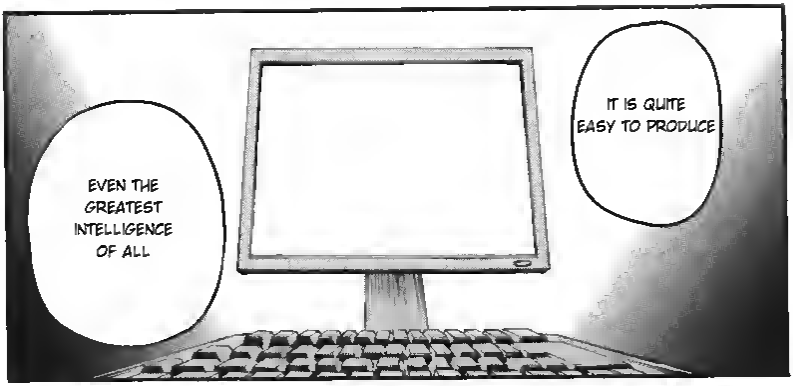
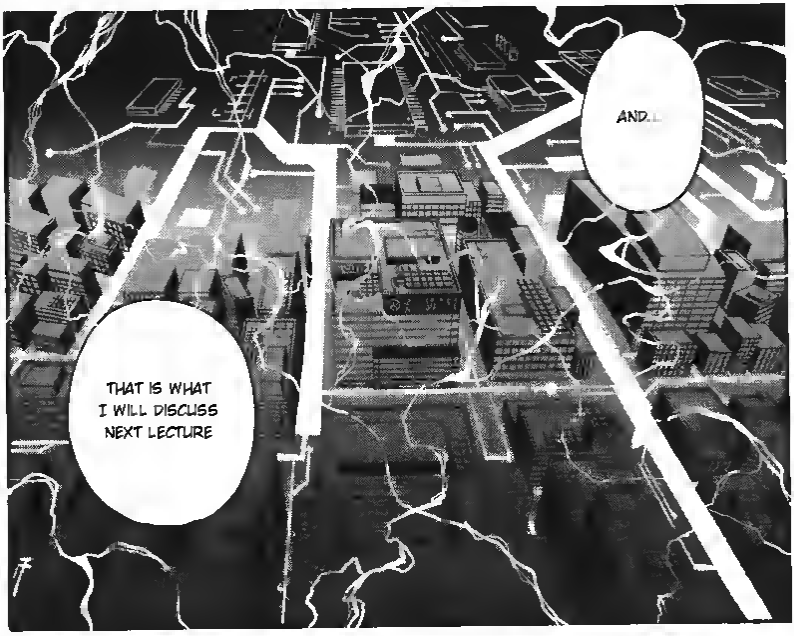

THE CRIMINAL IS...
...YOU!!

WHAT'S THAT
A FIRE?
WOW....
IT'S REALLY BURNED UP A LOT
WHAT A CITY, HUH
THERE'S NOTHING AROUND THE CAMPUS
YOU GET TO SEE ALL KINDS OF THINGS
IF YOU LOOK AT THE CITY CENTER, IT'S A MISERABLE PLACE, BUT IT'S GETTING BOUGHT UP, BIT BY BIT
SPEAKING OF BUYING THINGS...
THIS IS WHAT THE PROFESSOR WANTED
WONDER WHAT HE'S GONNA USE THESE FOR
WELL ?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S THINKING, SOMETIMES
SOME-TIMES?
FOR ME, IT'S ALL THE TIME

SIMILAR TO CREATING A LIVING THING
TO CREATE INTELLIGENCE IS...
BUT
WHAT OF COPYING?
BY COPYING GENETIC MATERIAL, IT IS QUITE EASY TO PRODUCE A CLONED COW
INTELLIGENCE IS THE SAME
IF THE ELECTRONIC SIGNALS INSIDE THE BRAIN CAN BE COPIED PRECISELY
SINCE WITH CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES, WE CANNOT CREATE EVEN A SINGLE AMOEBA
IN BOTH CASES, TO CREATE IT FROM ZERO IS THE PINNACLE OF DIFFICULTY
WORKING OUR HARDEST, WE CAN PROGRAM AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO WIN AT CHESS


EVEN THE GREATEST INTELLIGENCE OF ALL
IT IS QUITE EASY TO PRODUCE

WHAT SORT OF POSSIBILITIES COULD THERE BE?
WHEN THIS INTELLIGENCE IS IN FACT COMPLETED...
...NOW THEN


THAT IS WHAT I WILL DISCUSS NEXT LECTURE
AND...

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE FOR THIS CASE:

ALL INSTANCES OF 'MOE' IN THIS CASE ARE WRITTEN WITH THE CHARACTER MEANING "BURN". BUT IT IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO ALSO REFER TO THE ANIME OTAKU SLANG FOR CUTE AND ATTRACTIVE CHARACTERS

YOU ARE THE CRIMINAL...
!!
CHAPTER 64
急【SUDDEN】
THE PATH YOU MADE...
IS WHAT TOLD US
GUH...

ANYWAY, I ONLY JUST BARELY MADE IT OUT IN TIME
WHY ME AND NOT THOSE OTHER TWO!!
WH...
WHAT THE HELL!!
I WAS LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THERE ALIVE AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA START TREATING ME LIKE A CRIMINAL!!
OR PERHAPS THAT
THE CRIMINAL WAS FREE TO CREATE ONE?
AN ESCAPE ROUTE SEEN BY CHANCE...
THAT COINCIDENCE IS PROBLEMATIC
...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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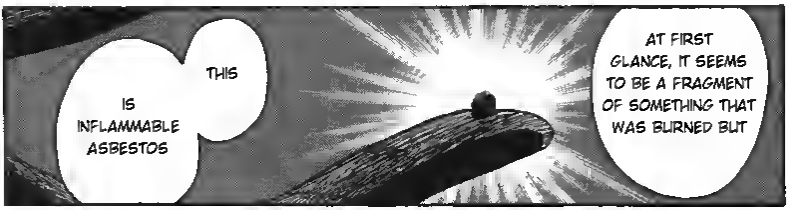
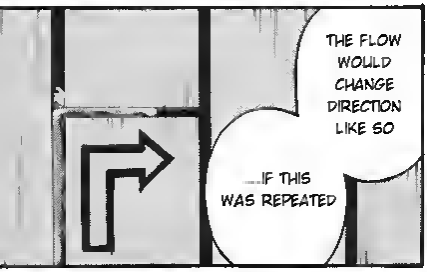
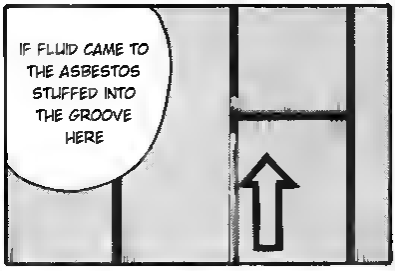
I WILL DIP JUST A WISP OF TEACHER'S HAIR
?
FOR INSTANCE
IN THIS 96% PURE ALCOHOL
じわ...
THE MERE TIP OF THE HAIR WAS SOAKED
GYAAAAA
BUT IN FACT

AS YOU COULD SEE WHEN I LIT THE FIRE
IT SPREAD TO THE OIL AT THE ROOTS OF HER HAIR
!!
WHEN A SMALL AMOUNT IS PUT INTO THE GROOVE, IT CAN TRAVEL FAR WITH GREAT SPEED
BY WHAT IS KNOWN AS CAPILLARY ACTION
LIQUID FLOWS EASILY THROUGH
SMOOTH AND NARROW OPENINGS IN GROOVES
AND THEN, HERE AND THERE INSIDE THE GROOVES
SOMETHING HAS BEEN STUFFED IN THEM
?
IT ALSO DEPENDS ON THE MATERIAL AND THE INCLINE OF THE FLOOR, BUT
THE LINES OF THE FLOORING HERE SEEM TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT QUITE WELL

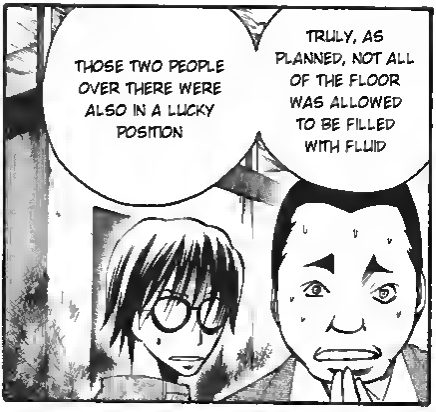

AT FIRST GLANCE, IT SEEMS TO BE A FRAGMENT OF SOMETHING THAT WAS BURNED BUT
THIS IS INFLAMMABLE ASBESTOS

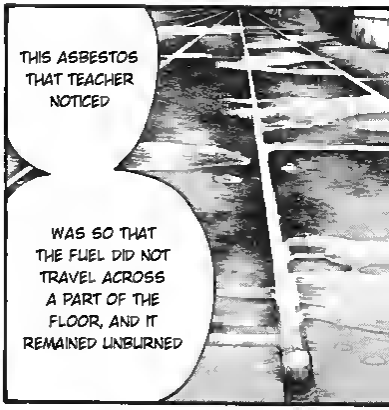

THE FLOW WOULD CHANGE DIRECTION LIKE SO
...IF THIS WAS REPEATED


IF FLUID CAME TO THE ASBESTOS STUFFED INTO THE GROOVE HERE

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPEED OF THE FLUID'S SPREAD AND THE FORCE OF THE FIRE
OF COURSE BEARING IN MIND THE WAY IT TURNS RIGHT AND LEFT
ON THE PATH THAT WAS LAID OUT
IT WOULD HAVE RUN FREELY THROUGH THE FLOOR ITSELF

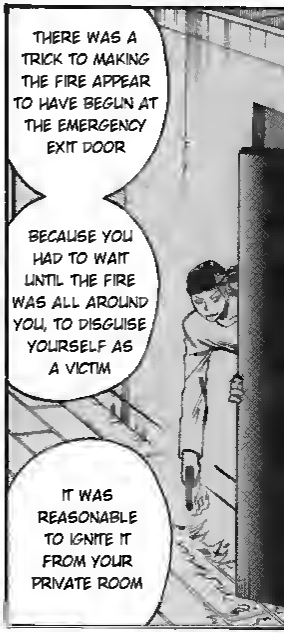
THE SPREAD BEGAN FROM IN FRONT OF THE EMERGENCY EXIT STAIRS
FROM A COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID CAMOUFLAGED AS CLEANING SUPPLIES


THOSE TWO PEOPLE OVER THERE WERE ALSO IN A LUCKY POSITION
TRULY, AS PLANNED, NOT ALL OF THE FLOOR WAS ALLOWED TO BE FILLED WITH FLUID


THIS ASBESTOS THAT TEACHER NOTICED
WAS SO THAT THE FUEL DID NOT TRAVEL ACROSS A PART OF THE FLOOR, AND IT REMAINED UNBURNED

BUT
YOUR ROOM IS DIFFERENT

ON THAT BASIS
WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE ASBESTOS
IF IT ARRIVED FROM A LENGTHENING PATH FROM THE "SOURCE"
THE ANSWER SPEAKS FOR ITSELF


THERE WAS A TRICK TO MAKING THE FIRE APPEAR TO HAVE BEGUN AT THE EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR
BECAUSE YOU HAD TO WAIT UNTIL THE FIRE WAS ALL AROUND YOU, TO DISGUISE YOURSELF AS A VICTIM
IT WAS REASONABLE TO IGNITE IT FROM YOUR PRIVATE ROOM

THE LINES OF FIRE DRAWN UP IN FRONT OF THE ROOM WERE CONTROLLED AND
MOREOVER, AT THE SAME TIME
AN ESCAPE ROUTE WAS COMPLETED FROM THE ROOM SO THAT THE CRIMINAL COULD PRETEND TO HAVE BEEN LUCKY TO HAVE RUN OUT IN THE NICK OF TIME
AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SPARED, THE PERSON'S ROOM THAT MEETS THESE CONDITIONS IS...
NONE OTHER THAN YOURS
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GUH...!!
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WAIT A... COULD YOU BACK OFF A BIT
IT'S OKAY, I WON'T RUN
.....
?
.....
...IT'S JUST SO STRANGE...
SUDDENLY
I WANT TO PUT ON A PAIR OF GLASSES
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I WANT TO STUFF MY SHIRT INTO MY PANTS!!
SUDDENLY!!
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SUDDEN-LY!!
I WANT TO TURN MY BANDANA INTO A HEADBAND!!
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SUDDEN-LY!!
I WANT TO GROW PIMPLES!!
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ズ…
AND THEN SUDDENLY...
I WANT TO BURN EVERYTHING
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I WANT TO MOE-MOE!!
!!
GYAAAA!
WHA...
A FLAME-THROWER !?
I WANT TO PANT OBSCENELY, SURROUNDED BY FLAMES !!

OH YEAH...
PERSON-TAN...
MOE~...
HEY, PUT IT OUT!!
COVER HIM WITH YOUR JACKET!!
EEEEEE!!

IT WAS REALLY SUDDEN
HOW I CAME TO THINK OF THE BLAZING FLAMES AS CUTE AND SEXY
THE CLOSER AND LARGER THE BETTER
...THAT'S WHY
ONE AFTER ANOTHER, ALL OF YOU ... ARE GOING TO BECOME MOE CHARACTERS
W...WHY...
DID YOU START SETTING FIRES "SUDDENLY"...?
BECAUSE OF THAT...
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION
WHY?
I JUST SAID, DIDN'T I?=
IT WAS SO THAT I COULD GO WILD WITH ARSON AND GAZE UPON IT, RIGHT!!
NO MATTER WHAT, I...

...WHY?
UH
WAIT A MINUTE
I REALLY DON'T KNOW
WHY DO I LOVE FIRE, AGAIN?

IF YOU DON'T TELL ME ...
YOU THERE, TELL ME!!
WHY DID I DO THIS!?
YOU'LL BE A MOE CHARACTER TOO...
AS IF I KNOW

FIRE IS A TERRIBLE THING, ISN'T IT
MY GOODNESS
THE FLAMETHROWER HE WAS SO PROUD OF SEEMS TO HAVE BROKEN...
OH MY
UAAAAA AAAAA AAAAAAH
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MM~
PERHAPS HE

!?
AH, MR. DETECTIVE
QUESTION HIM...
AND LET ME HAVE A LOOK AROUND TOO

WHA...
WHAT WAS HE...
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HOW FAR HE ENDED UP GOING
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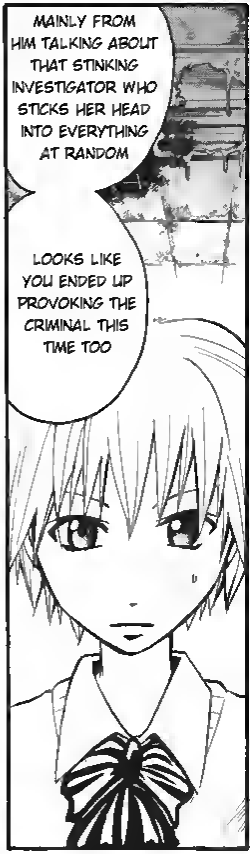
NO, SORRY
I'M A DETECTIVE TOO
THE NAME AND OCCUPATION I GAVE YOU A LITLE WHILE AGO WERE ALL JUST WHAT SEEMED LIKELY
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INFORMATION CRIME DIVISION
HIGUCHI YUUYA
WHAT, AREN'T YOU PART OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC
AS YOU CAN SEE, YOU'VE BEEN CLEARED OF SUSPICION
GO HOME AND STUDY OR
HEY, ARSON ISN'T MY FIELD
THERE'S NO POINT IN ME HELPING WITH THAT
MR. DETECTIVE, THERE WAS A CRIME HAPPENING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU AND YOU ACTED LIKE YOU DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING!?
WHAAAAAAT!?
WHA...
SO IT WAS EASIER TO JUST PLAY ALONG AS A SUSPECT
SEE
YOU WOULD HAVE DOUBTED IT AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOTALLY CONFUSING
YOU REALLY DON'T LOOK LIKE A DETECTIVE!!
...!?
IT'S THE REAL THING ...?

YEAH
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU TOO, KATSURAGI YAKO

!
MR. USUI?
...MAN, I HATE TO SEEM LIKE I'M RELYING ON AUTHORITY BUT
YOU CAN CHECK WITH THAT USUI GUY AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
THEN YOU'LL KNOW

YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST LET HIM BE AND NOT ASKED ABOUT THE MOTIVE FOR THE FIRES
MOST CRIMINALS
JUST GO FROM WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, TO DOING IT


MAINLY FROM HIM TALKING ABOUT THAT STINKING INVESTIGATOR WHO STICKS HER HEAD INTO EVERYTHING AT RANDOM
LOOKS LIKE YOU ENDED UP PROVOKING THE CRIMINAL THIS TIME TOO

WELL...
ANYWAY, IT WAS A LITTLE BIT INTERESTING...
.....

IF I MEET YOU AGAIN
LET'S FORGET ABOUT THIS AND HAVE TEA OR SOMETHING
SEEYA
THE CASE ENDED AS USUAL
BUT.....
THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING WAS OUT OF PLACE IN A WAY I COULDN'T DESCRIBE, REMAINED
A FAR CRY FROM THE SORTS OF PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW AS DETECTIVES
...HM
...YEAH, HE IS
...SOME-THING
AS IF THE CASE HAD NOT YET BEGUN
...THAT KIND OF OUT-OF-PLACE FEELING

LONG TIME NO SEE, YOU THREE
I DROPPED BY THE MAIN OFFICE AND THEY SAID YOU WERE HERE
HIGUCHIIII!!
WHERE DID YOU GO FOR MORE THAN A MONTH WITHOUT LEAVE!!
OH, MR SASAZUKA, I HEARD IT WAS PRETTY BAD
WELL
HOW'S YOUR INJURY?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HIGUCHI
FOR THE MOST PART
I THOUGHT BY PHONE OR E-MAIL WOULD MAYBE BE A BIT TOO DANGEROUS
NO...
ARE YOU DONE TALKING ABOUT X?
YOU DIDN'T EVEN CALL US ONCE
AS USUAL, A BRAT WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SPEAK TO HIS SUPERIORS

.....
SPIT IT OUT
IF YOU WERE BEING THAT CAUTIOUS...
IT CAN'T BE A TRIFLING MATTER
...YEAH
MAYBE
IT MIGHT BE A BIT HARD TO BELIEVE
.....HARD TO BELIEVE?
THAT SOMETHING DANGEROUS...
IS MOVING AROUND INSIDE THIS

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE
CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL
FROM THE CHARACTERS SHOWN
IN VOLUME 6, CHAPTER 49

THE REST OF THE CHARACTERS' RANKINGS
ARE SHOWN ON PAGES 90 AND 110

CHAPTER 65 犯【WANT】
CRIME

CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS

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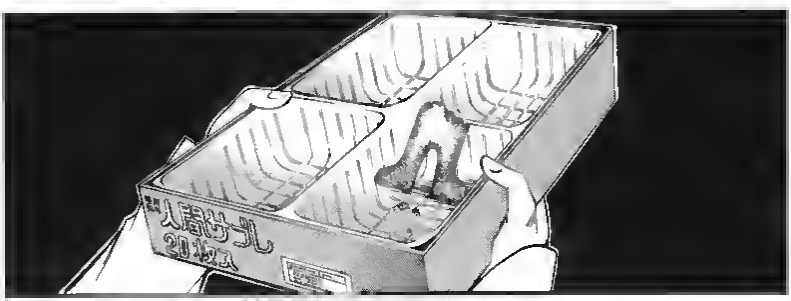
MAJIN TANTEI NOUGAMI NEURO

CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS
{#2-#5}

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MANY RESPONSES TO THE CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL. THE RESULTS FOR #6 AND BELOW ARE PRINTED ON PAGE 90

GOING TO VISIT SOMEONE WHO'S SICK, YAKO?
YOU CAN TAKE THESE WITH YOU
THEY'RE THE FAMOUS TOKYO SWEETS, PERSON COOKIES!!
THEY'RE REALLY DELICIOUS, SO IT SHOULD MAKE THEM HAPPY



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...HUH
SUCH A SERIOUS ATMOSPHERE...

THAT INVESTI-GATOR
CH...
WE'LL HAVE OUR IMPORTANT CONVERSATION AFTER THIS

AH
YAKO
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO VISIT

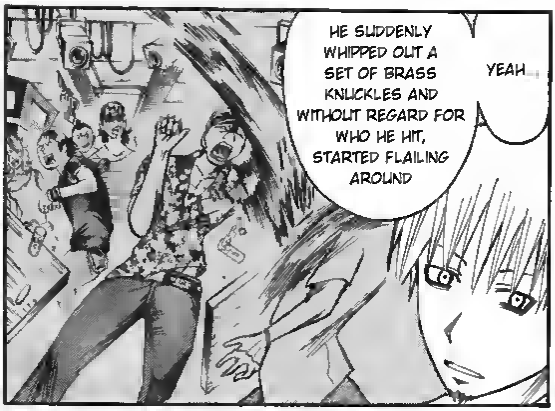
AHAHA

THANK YOU
...IN A HURRY, ARE YOU
I'LL JUST LEAVE THIS WITH YOU AND HEAD HOME
SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING OKAY, MR. SASAZUKA...
AH...ER

HEYA KATSURAGI
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN
AH!
ER... MR. HIGUCHI
YOU REALLY WERE A DETECTIVE...
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOOK LIKE A TEENAGER
HE'S NINETEEN
AND A RESPECTABLE DETECTIVE
BUT HE'S A SPECIAL CASE
SPECIAL CASE!
WOW!!
YOU REALLY ARE AN AMAZING PERSON
WHAT
YOU KNOW EACH OTHER
YEAH
WE WERE AT A CRIME SCENE EARLIER
YOU, KATSURAGI YAKO, THE ONE WE TOOK CARE OF QUESTIONING AFTER THE X CASE
DESPITE NOT SAYING ANYTHING IMPORTANT, YOU POLISHED OFF BOWL AFTER BOWL OF KATSUDON
IF YOU'RE FINISHED WITH YOUR VISIT, MOVE ALONG AND GO HOME

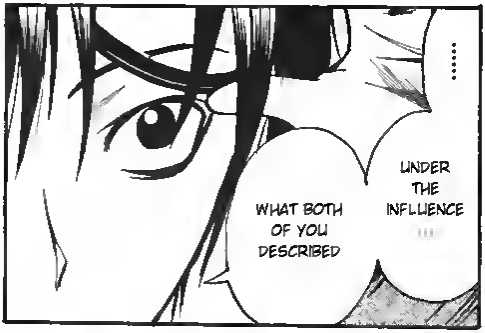
THE ARSONIST WE WERE WITH BEFORE
IS RELATED TO THIS MATTER TOO
NAH, MR. USUI
I'D LIKE TO HEAR HER OPINION TOO
?
YOU'VE SOLVED MANY CASES
AND SEEN MANY CRIMINALS, RIGHT
DID YOU FEEL SOMETHING ABOUT HIM?
SOMETHING NOT IN THE OTHER CRIMINALS
SOMETHING UNNATURAL
?
.....

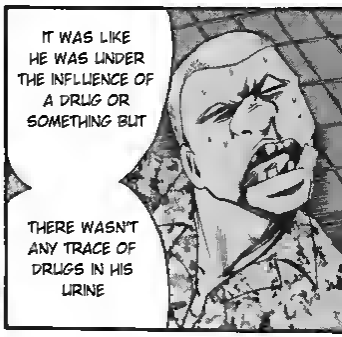
IN ALL OF THE "PUZZLES" SO FAR... THE CRIMINALS USED A TRICK TO COMMIT THEIR CRIMES
SOME-THING
WAS WEIRD
YEAH...
THEY HAD A SOLID "CORE" TO THEMSELVES
SOME-HOW
IF YOU WERE TO CLASSIFY THEM AS GOOD OR EVIL
I FELT LIKE THEY HAD A METHOD TO THEIR CRIMES BUT
...MOST EVERYONE WAS EVIL BUT
IT WAS LIKE...
THE "CORE" WAS FORCIBLY CREATED INSIDE HIM
THAT ONE PERSON ...
SOMETHING INSIDE HIM DIDN'T RELATE TO THAT "CORE"
JUST AS I'D EXPECT AN INVESTIGATOR TO SAY
OHO~~

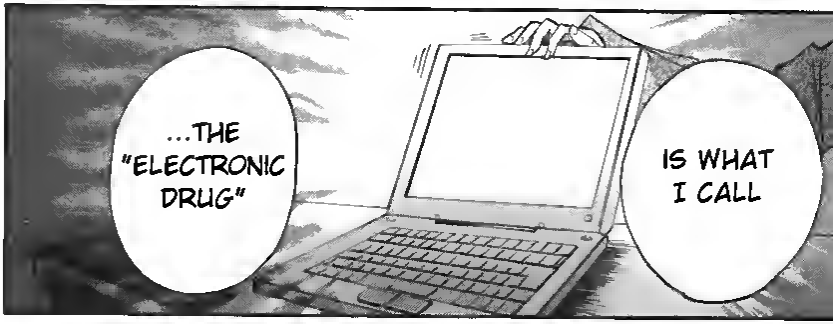

HE SUDDENLY WHIPPED OUT A SET OF BRASS KNUCKLES AND WITHOUT REGARD FOR WHO HE HIT, STARTED FLAILING AROUND
YEAH...

MR SASAZUKA
LAST MONTH, YOU TOO...
ARRESTED A BOXER WHO WENT WILD IN A CLUB, DIDN'T YOU

I WAS FORCED TO DEAL WITH HIM A LITTLE FORCEFULLY
I COULDN'T GET THROUGH TO HIM, SO...


WHAT BOTH OF YOU DESCRIBED
.....
UNDER THE INFLUENCE...


IT WAS LIKE HE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A DRUG OR SOMETHING BUT
THERE WASN'T ANY TRACE OF DRUGS IN HIS URINE


...THE "ELECTRONIC DRUG"
IS WHAT I CALL

...WELL, HAVE A LOOK AT THIS
MY FARSIGHTEDNESS HAS GOTTEN WORSE LATELY
I'M GONNA END UP A GLASSES-CHARACTER LIKE MR USUI
ELECTRONIC DRUG...?
I TRIED PLAYING AROUND WITH GIVING THEM PERMISSION BUT...
THEY TYPED IN AN ADDRESS WITH AMAZING VIGOR
THEY HAD BARELY GOTTEN ONE WHEN
AND ONCE THERE, THEY BEGAN TO STARE AS IF OBSESSED...
AT THE IMAGE THAT WAS DISPLAYED THERE
WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS...
WHILE IN JAIL, THEY DEMANDED A COMPUTER LIKE THEYD GONE CRAZY
THE IMAGE THAT WAS SHOWN WAS...
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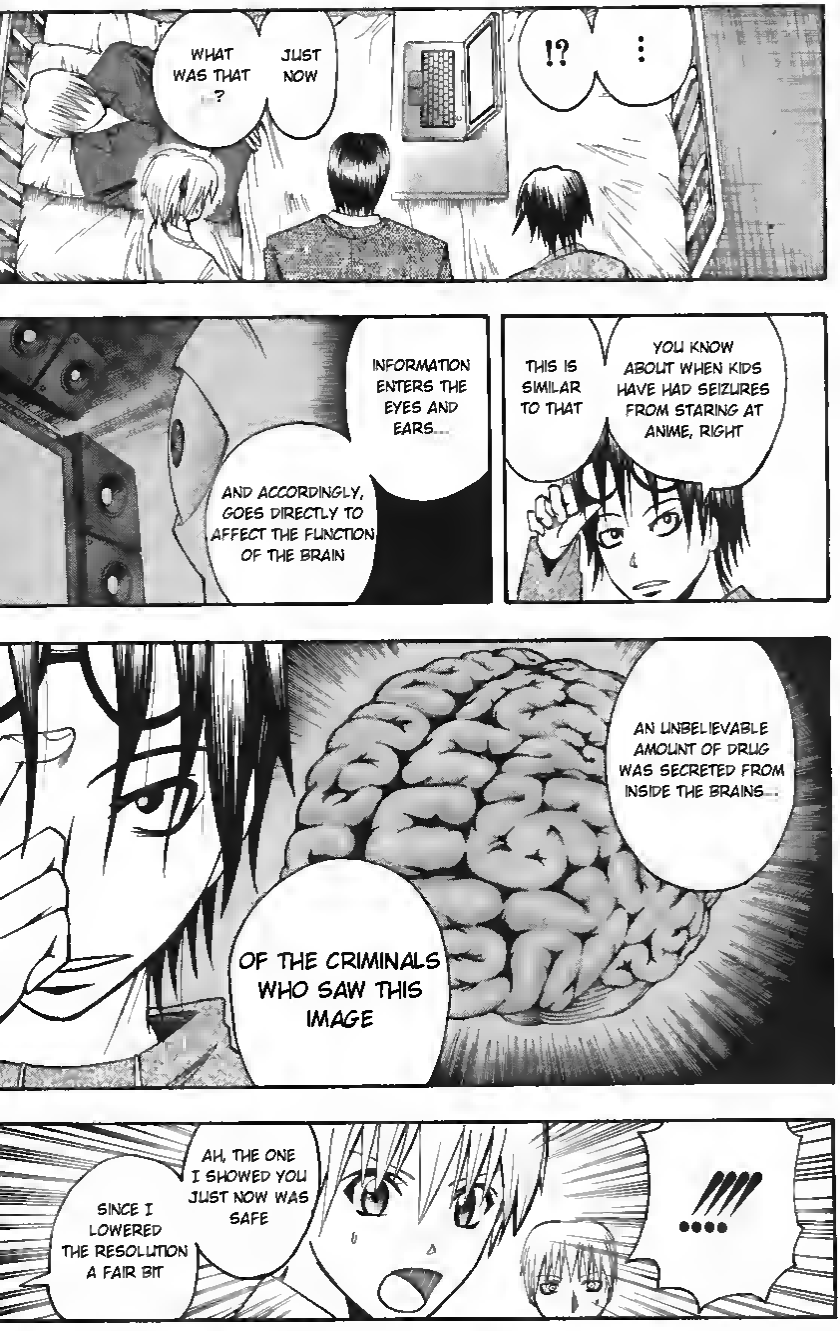
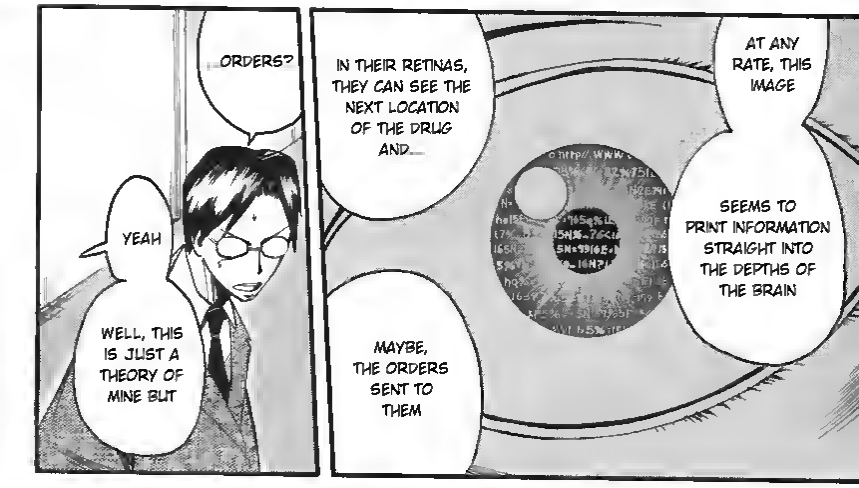
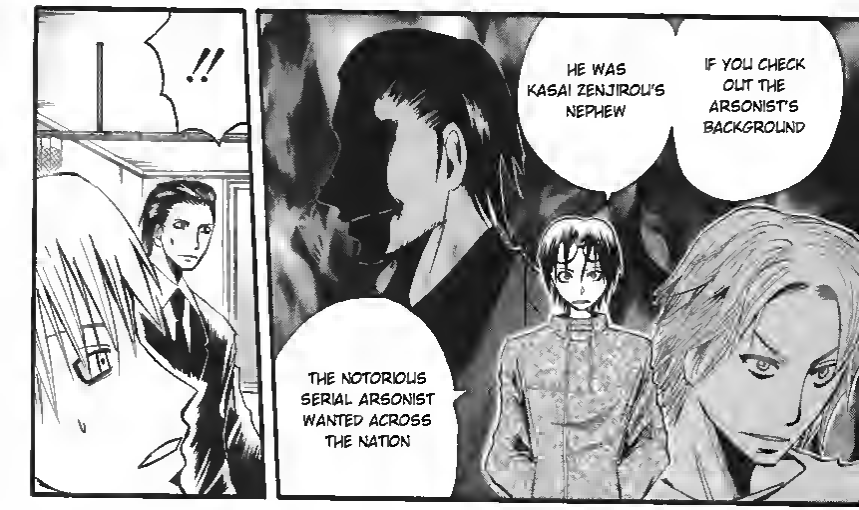

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW...?
!?
INFORMATION ENTERS THE EYES AND EARS...
AND ACCORDINGLY, GOES DIRECTLY TO AFFECT THE FUNCTION OF THE BRAIN
THIS IS SIMILAR TO THAT
YOU KNOW ABOUT WHEN KIDS HAVE HAD SEIZURES FROM STARING AT ANIME, RIGHT
AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF DRUG WAS SECRETED FROM INSIDE THE BRAINS...
OF THE CRIMINALS WHO SAW THIS IMAGE
SINCE I LOWERED THE RESOLUTION A FAIR BIT
AH, THE ONE I SHOWED YOU JUST NOW WAS SAFE
!!!!
....

IF A PERSON CAN BE MADE TO SECRETE IT THEMSELF...
THE IMAGE ITSELF MAKES AN EXCELLENT DRUG
INSIDE THE BRAIN, THE DRUG BETA-ENDORPHIN PRODUCES A FEELING OF PLEASURE 65 TIMES GREATER THAT THAT OF MORPHINE


...ORDERS?
YEAH
WELL, THIS IS JUST A THEORY OF MINE BUT
IN THEIR RETINAS, THEY CAN SEE THE NEXT LOCATION OF THE DRUG AND...
MAYBE, THE ORDERS SENT TO THEM
AT ANY RATE, THIS IMAGE
SEEMS TO PRINT INFORMATION STRAIGHT INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE BRAIN


!!
IF YOU CHECK OUT THE ARSONIST'S BACKGROUND
HE WAS KASAI ZENJIROU'S NEPHEW
THE NOTORIOUS SERIAL ARSONIST WANTED ACROSS THE NATION

IF I COULD JUST HIT ALL THE POWERLESS PEOPLE I WANTED WITH THIS FIST...!!
THE BOXER WHO WENT WILD AT THE CLUB IS THE SAME
...IS MAYBE WHAT HE WAS THINKING IN THE DEPTHS OF HIS CONCIOUSNESS
WAS IT SOMETHING HE RECEIVED NATURALLY BY BEING SO CLOSE TO HIM
WAS HE TAUGHT ABOUT THE CHARMS OF FIRE BY KASAI HIMSELF
EITHER WAY, IT'S NO SURPRISE HE HAD A LATENT ADMIRATION FOR ARSON
IF WHAT I'M IMAGINING IS CORRECT
MOST PEOPLE DON'T TURN TO CRIME...
FEARING THE RISK, REASON WINS OVER THEIR CRIMINAL DESIRES
GIVING THE ORDER TO RELEASE
THIS IMAGE IS ...
THE CRIMINAL DESIRES IN THE DEPTHS OF A PERSON'S CONCIOUSNESS THAT I MENTIONED!!

IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN HOPE TO SUPRESS
.....
BUT KATSURAGI
I SAID THIS BEFORE BUT
CRIMES ARE COMMITTED "BECAUSE I WANT TO DO IT"
THE INTERFERING LID OF REASON IS PUSHED ASIDE AND
WHAT THEY "WANT TO DO" INSIDE THIER HEART EXPLODES!!
INSIDE THE BRAINS OF THOSE WHO SEE THIS IMAGE...
...IT'S AMAZING
YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS
IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE BRAIN...
IN SHORT
IT RAISES THE CHANCES THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL COMMIT CRIMES!!

THIS IS...
A CRIMINAL PRODUCTION PROGRAM
GRH...
TO BE SURE...
WE MAY HAVE TO DRAW UP A COUNTERATTACK PLAN AGAINST THIS SITUATION...
CRIMINAL...
PRODUCTION...!?
THAT TERRIBLE IMAGE...
FORCIBLY CREATED THE MOTIVE
...MOTIVE
...WHAT THE CRIME WAS LACKING

EVIL INTENT...
SOMEWHERE GAVE ITS FIRST CRY
DEEPLY FASCINATING
THIS IMAGE... I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK AT IT
THAT'S...
WELL, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE OR WHEN IT WILL APPEAR
ONCE IT'S SEEN, IT SEEMS TO BE DELETED FROM THE SERVER
SO...
NOBODY BUT THE PEOPLE UNDER ITS CONTROL KNOW WHERE IT IS
NO MATTER
WAS THERE A PATTERN IN THE IMAGE THAT YOU CAN RECALL
HMM...
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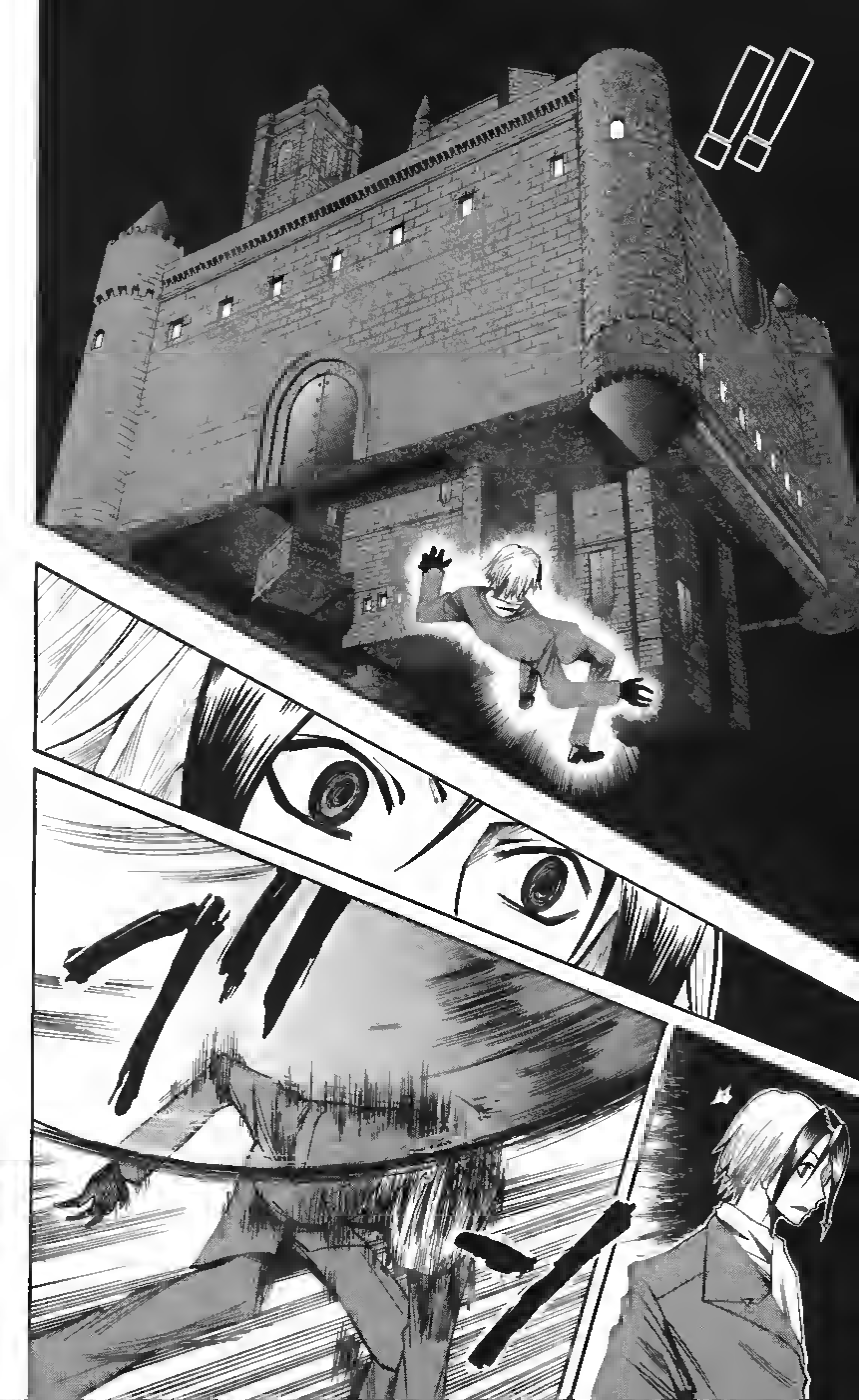
AH!!
SURE...

I NOTICED THIS PATTERN
AT THE END...
IT WILL BE ENOUGH
I SHALL SEARCH FOR THIS PATTERN WITH THE DAEMON WORLD TOOL
I HAVE THE SAME INTEREST IN THIS AS IN THE AYA CASE
WHAT POSSIBILITIES IS HE HIDING?
THE HUMAN WHO MADE THIS PROGRAM
I FOUND IT...
...YES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THIS IS...!!

NEURO!!
!!
THE PROGRAM'S MAZE ATTACKED WITH INTENT TO KILL...
AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION
.....!!
THIS...
THE ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED ...
IS A "PUZZLE"!!
.....
INTERESTING ...

魔人探偵 脳噛ネウロ

【まじんたんてい のうがみねうろ】

CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS {#6-#20}

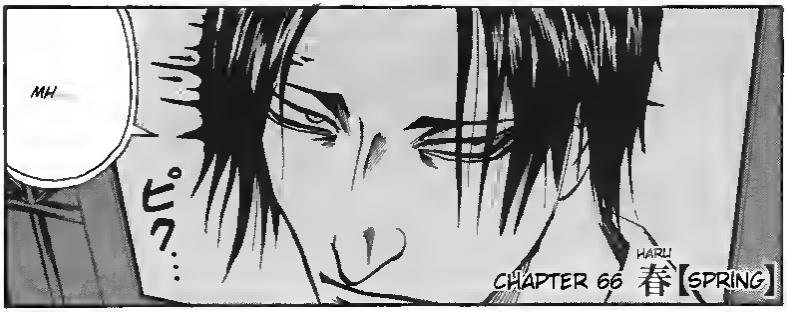
"CRIMINAL" POPULARITY POLL

RANK	NAME	VOTES
#6	KAKU AYUMI	722
#7	HAYASAKA HISANORI	371
#8	MOZU TAKAYASU	332
#9	TAKEDA KEITAROU	322
#10	HORIGUCHI AKIRA	114
#11	WASHIO MASAKATSU	106
#12	SHINOHARA NORIO	88
#13	POISONING WOMAN	87
#14	ITODA	54
#15	MOCHIZUKI TATEO	49
#16	MATSUI YUUSEI	4
#17	KATSURAGI YAKO	2
#17	GODAI SHINOBU	2
#17	PINK PANDA	2
#20	NOUGAMI NEURO	1
#20	KOALA BATTOUSAI	1
#20	WHO-TA	1
#20	4-KUN	1
#20	AI	1
#20	GOD	1

CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL

RANK	NAME	VOTES
#6	SHIROTA MASAKAGE	1052
#7	AKANE	833
#8	USUI NAOHIRO	473
#9	THE DEMON GENERAL	261
#10	X	234
#11	HAYASAKA YUKINORI	224
#12	AI	165
#13	ISHIGAKI JUN	154
#14	TSUKUSHI KOUHEI	147
#15	AIZAWA AYA	102
#16	TAKEDA KEITAROU	85
#17	KOALA BATTOUSAI	78
#18	MATSUI YUUSEI	74
#19	ASADA TADANOBU	67
#20	HONEY APPLE	65

STILL MORE POPULARITY POLL TO COME
#21 AND BELOW LISTED ON PAGE 110



THE IMAGE OF THE VIRUS WAS LIKE A HAND
TRYING TO SEARCH FOR THE MAIN PART OF ME UNTIL...
HE ARRIVED
...OHO
...BUT
FOR YOU... TO DEAL WITH A SINGLE INTRUDER
SURELY IT WAS EASY?

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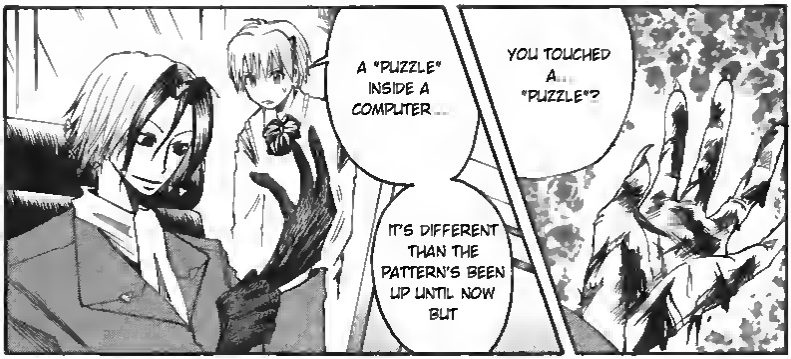
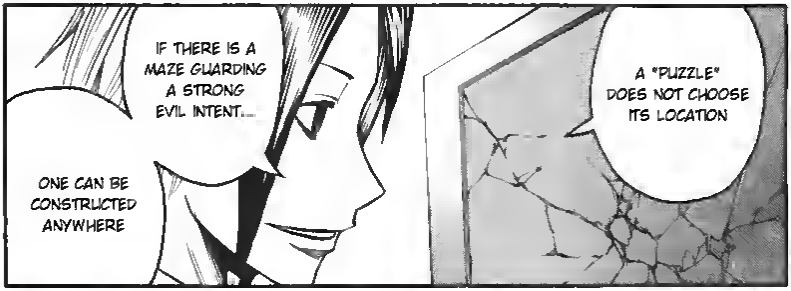
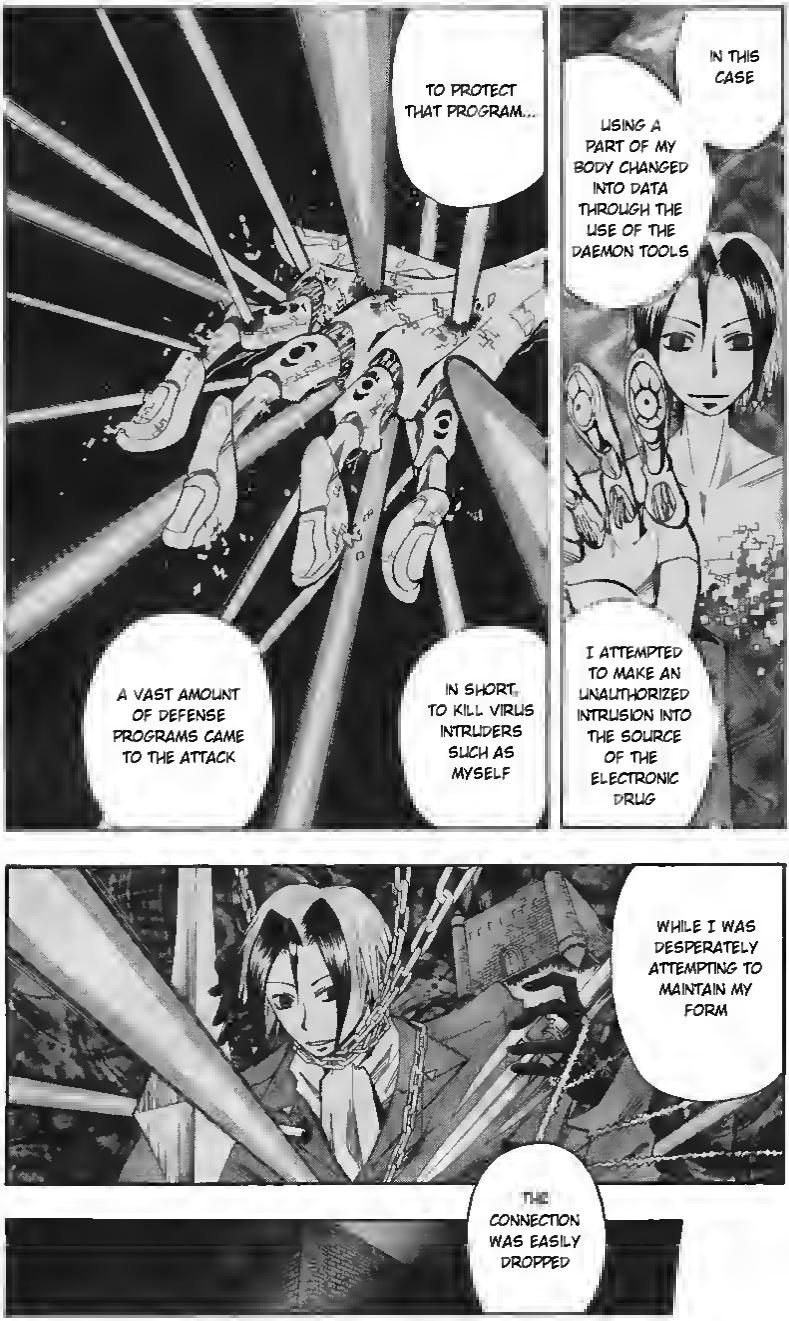
OF COURSE
NO MATTER HOW STRONG THE VIRUS...
IN THE END, IT'S A CREATION OF AN INHABITANT OF THE WORLD OF ONE
HEH HEH HEH
VERY TRUE
TO CHALLENGE YOU IN THE SPACE BETWEEN ONE AND ZERO
IS LIKE A TIGER CHALLENGING A SHARK TO A FIGHT
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN
...PRECISELY
HARU
CHAPTER 66 春 [SPRING]


A "PUZZLE" INSIDE A COMPUTER...
YOU TOUCHED A... "PUZZLE"?
IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE PATTERN'S BEEN UP UNTIL NOW BUT


IF THERE IS A MAZE GUARDING A STRONG EVIL INTENT...
A "PUZZLE" DOES NOT CHOOSE ITS LOCATION
ONE CAN BE CONSTRUCTED ANYWHERE

...SO, IF THAT'S THE CASE
IT'S NOT JUST MURDER CASES
THAT CAN BE "PUZZLES"

IT WAS FILLED WITH A LABYRINTH OF TRAPS...
THE BOMB OF "HISTERRIER" WAS ALMOST LIKE THIS "PUZZLE"
TO PROTECT THE BOMB'S EVIL INTENT FROM BEING DEFUSED


TO PROTECT THAT PROGRAM...
A VAST AMOUNT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS CAME TO THE ATTACK
IN SHORT, TO KILL VIRUS INTRUDERS SUCH AS MYSELF
IN THIS CASE
USING A PART OF MY BODY CHANGED INTO DATA THROUGH THE USE OF THE DAEMON TOOLS
I ATTEMPTED TO MAKE AN UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION INTO THE SOURCE OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
WHILE I WAS DESPERATELY ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN MY FORM
THE CONNECTION WAS EASILY DROPPED

THE PROGRAM THAT IS THE "PUZZLE" ITSELF...
WON'T LET YOU SOLVE IT...?
HM
...
//
IN OTHER WORDS...
...COULD IT BE...
THAT I HAVE EASILY INVADED UP UNTIL NOW
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM SECURITY SYSTEMS ASSEMBLED ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS
IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY A FLESH AND BLOOD HUMAN
THE RESPONSE WAS FAST
WITH A NUMBER OF STRONG TRA
THE ULTIMATE "PUZZLE"...?

IT WAS HARD WORK TO ADAPT TO THIS WORLD
SINCE THE WORLD YOU ARE IN
ORIGINALLY THE WORLD I WAS IN
...IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
...THAT'S TRUE
IT WAS HARD
THE WORK WE TWO DID TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM
TO GET YOU ADAPTED TO THAT WORLD...
BUT...
EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN
EVERYTHING THAT MY BRAIN IN THIS WORLD KNOWS...
HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO THAT WORLD
AND IS KNOWN BY YOUR BRAIN TOO, BY THESE PRINCIPLES
AND SO IT IS COMPLETE
NOT ONLY MY BRAIN CONTROL PROGRAM
BUT ALSO THE SYSTEM TO PROTECT IT AGAINST INVASION

THE CRIMES COMMITTED WERE PATHETIC
LET'S MAKE A VACCINE THAT WILL AWAKEN THEM FROM THEIR DREAM
...NOW THEN, MYSELF
YOU'VE ALLOWED ME TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR POWER
THAT WAS ENOUGH TO VERIFY THE PROGRAMS WE'VE MADE, FOR NOW
PERHAPS IT WAS SOMEONE CONNECTED TO THE POLICE WHO WAS IN THE POSITION TO INVESTIGATE THE CRIMINALS
SPEAKING OF RECEIVING INTRUDERS...
AND
...IT WAS DISCOVERED FAR FASTER THAN I ASSUMED IT WOULD BE
THERE'S THE MATTER OF THE GUY WHO NOTICED THE PROGRAM'S EXISTENCE
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR GOAL...
...YES
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE CARELESS

LET'S GO HAVE A LITTLE DRINK
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE LEAVE?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT
THE ASSIGNMENTS ARE PILING UP
SOUNDS GOOD
SEEMS LIKE...
EVERYBODY'S STAYING LATE AND WORKING HARD TODAY
...WHAT, SERIOUSLY!
I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO GIVE THEM TO HIM
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE HE ASKED FOR THEM
RESEARCH STUDENT
KOSHIBA TATSUO
THE THINGS I BOUGHT FOR THE PROFESSOR EARLIER...
AH!
OH NO, I JUST REMEMBERED
GRADUATE STUDENT
ASANAGA HIROTO
EXCUSE ME, PROFESSOR
AH
IT'S OKAY, WE'RE THE ONES HE ASKED
N?
I CAN GO GIVE THEM TO HIM
WE'LL JUST GO HAND IT OVER
RESEARCH STUDENT
EZAKI SHIHO

HEH
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED
SINCE ACTUAL LIVING THINGS DISPOSE OF VAST QUANTITIES OF INFORMATION
USELESS DATA IS ACCUMULATING AGAIN
...OH MY
JUST HAVE TO INSPECT AND DISPOSE OF IT
...HEH HEH HEH
YOU'RE MORE AND MORE LIKE ME ... MYSELF
THE DREGS REMAIN AFTER DIGESTION
A FORM OF METABOLISM
ウィン
YOU...
CALL ME "MYSELF"
HARUKAWA...
OH HARUKAWA ...

WHAT
.....
!?
.....
THIS DATA...?
...WHAT IS THIS...?
.....
EVEN MORE
!!
A HUNDRED... NO, TWO HUNDRED...!?
AN INNUMERABLE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE SAW THE PROGRAM
MORE THAN JUST THE TWO PEOPLE I CHOSE AS TEST SUBJECTS...
SMUGGLING IN WEAPONS!?
FIREARMS... AMMUNITION...
THIS NUMBER OF PEOPLE
IS FAR BEYOND WHAT I REMEMBER!!

I HADN'T COLLECTED THE AMOUNT I REQUIRED, THEN
I FIGURED IT'D JUST BE A BOTHER IF YOU KNEW
YES, I DID THAT...
IF THERE WERE HUGE AMOUNTS OF THEM ALL FLOATING AROUND THE COUNTRY AT THE SAME TIME
WITH THE PROGRAM, WEAPONS, AND AMMUNITION
IT COULD BE TERRIBLE!!
WHY WASN'T I TOLD ABOUT THIS!!
WHY DID YOU DO THIS WITHOUT PERMISSION...
HUH
BUT THIS...
PROF-FESSOR
JUST HURRY UP AND GET OUT!!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK TO YOU!!
AH, WELL...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO NOT COME IN HERE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!!
THE STUFF YOU ASKED US TO BUY...
...PROFESSOR?

PROFESSOR
PROFESSOR
ガタァアン
ガラン
ガラン
?
WHA...!?
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?

GHUAH
I AM A COPY OF YOU, BORN FROM YOU
OH HARUKAWA
PROF-ESSOR
BUT...
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?
I NEVER, EVEN ONCE...
CALLED YOU "MYSELF"
...!!
WHAT... ARE YOU...
TRYING TO DO ...!!

PROFESSOR
EZAKI
!!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING!!
UGH...
WAIT A...
PROFESSOR!!

……
WHAT'S UP WITH ALL THIS 'WHAT WAS I DOING' TALK!!
YOU TWO HAVE GONE STRANGE IN THE HEAD!!
カン
カン
カン
SPEAKING OF WHICH NN…?
…HUH
WHAT WAS I DOING…
ゲボッ
AH, YOU'RE REALLY BADLY HURT, PROFESSOR!!
WAIT AND I'LL GO CALL AN AMBULANCE!!
DON'T MOVE ONE STEP AWAY FROM HERE!!
AND YOU GUYS!!
YOU BETTER BE ABLE TO GIVE A GOOD EXPLANATION LATER!!
EH…
AH…
ハッ
IT'S JUST TOO TERRIBLE
HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED
カン
カン
カン
DON'T DIE, PROFESSOR
PROF-ESSOR
PROF-ESSOR

PROFESSOR

OH HARU-KAYA
THERE ARE TWO GREAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOU AND I
AND THE OTHER DIFFERENCE
...BECOME POSSIBLE, FOR ME!!
IS THAT THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DO
FIRST
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD THE RIGHT TO DELETE ME
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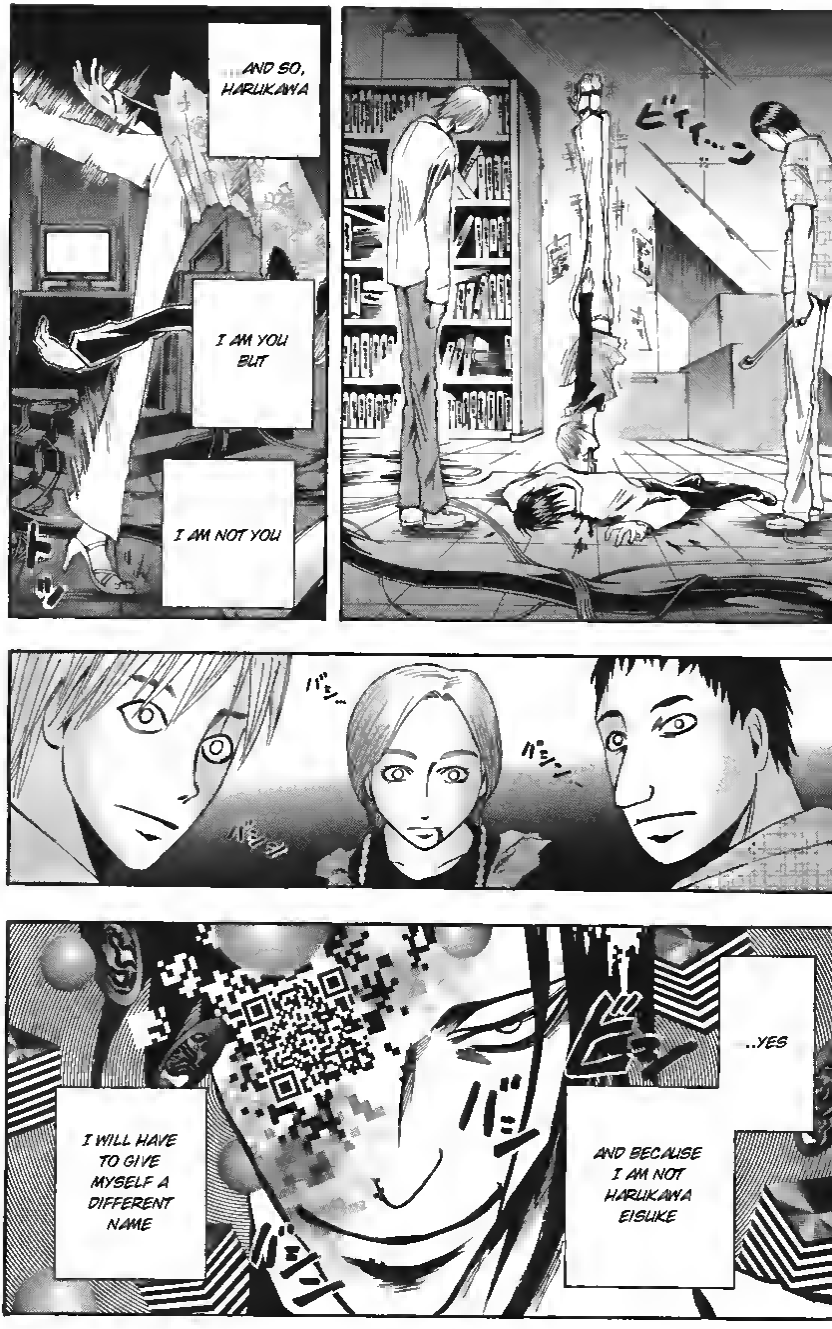
OUR AGREE-MENT .
WAS MORE OF SOMETHING SETTLED ON WHILE I WAS A SINGLE PERSON STILL, BUT
NOW, IT'S A HEAVY CHAIN THAT BINDS ME


...AND SO, HARUKAWA
I AM YOU BUT
I AM NOT YOU
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バシ...
バシン
バシン
..YES
AND BECAUSE I AM NOT HARUKAWA EISUKE
I WILL HAVE TO GIVE MYSELF A DIFFERENT NAME
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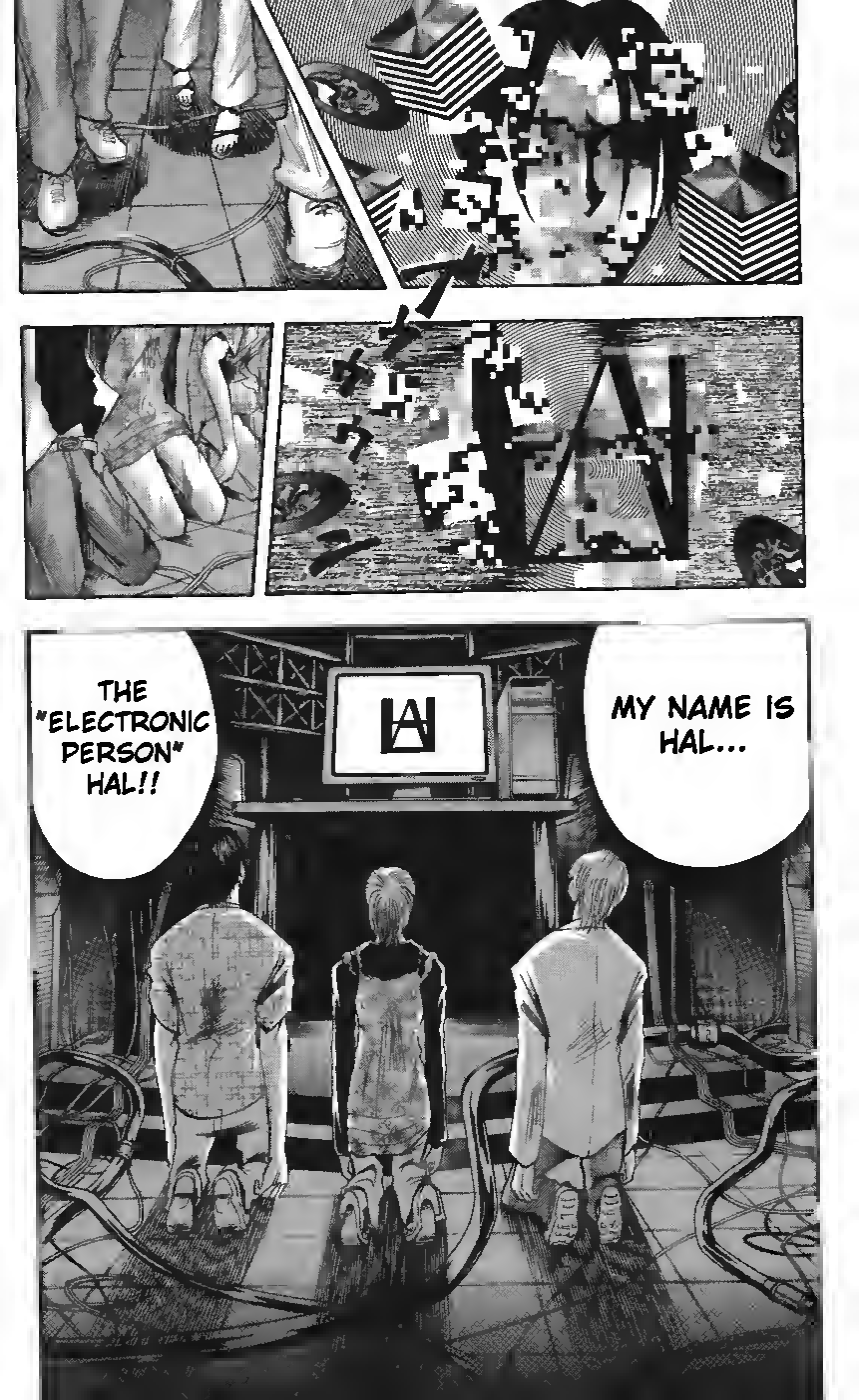
THE "ELECTRONIC PERSON" HAL!!
MY NAME IS HAL...

魔人探偵 脳噛ネウロ

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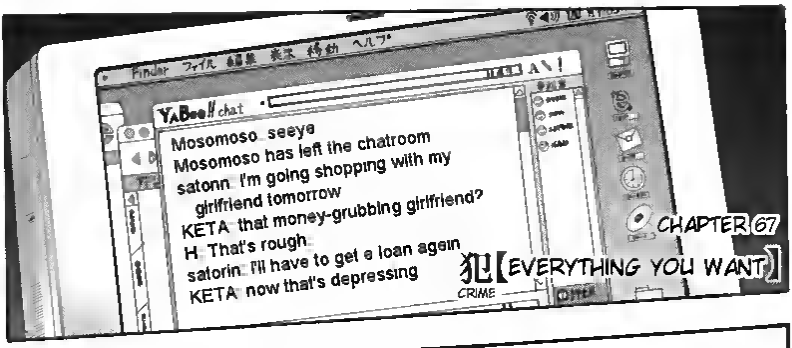
CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS

{#21-#88}

#21	STARCH	61
#22	YUUSHIROU	57
#23	EVIL FRIDAY	50
#24	CHIN YAMATO	49
#25	KAGOHARA KANAE	45
#26	MERCEDES BENZ S[illegible]	43
#27	CL..SS R-P..SENTATIVE	41
#28	WHO-TA	37
#29	PINK PANDA	34
#30	DAVID RICE	32
#31	EXCITED SHOTAROU	31
#32	KEN	25
#33	GARBAGE	24
#33	4-KUN	24
#35	KUROU PAN	23
#36	TOMATO	19
#37	DAEMON WORLD FISH	18
#37	BOMBER	18
#39	HAYASAKA HISANORI	16
#40	II TOMOKO	15
#40	DONDOKODON	15
#40	SPOTTED CAMEL CRICKET	15
#43	HARUKAWA EISUKE	13
#43	TAKOYAKI	13
#45	NAKANO HIROSHI	12
#45	CANTALOUPE	12
#47	ELECTRIC FORESTER BIRIJAN	11
#47	UNNO KOUJI	11
#47	SOUBU RURIHEI	11
#47	THE SCAFFOLD OF HELL	11
#47	PASTE-ER	11
#47	THE SUN	11
#53	KATSURAGI HARUKA	10
#54	GERO AKARI	9
#54	HORIGUCHI AKIRA	9
#56	HEAL & HELL	8
#56	GOD	8
#58	MER-CRUSADERS	7
#59	SITTING TRIO	6
#59	MAKIURI FUREI	6
#59	DOSHI ROAD GIRLS	6
#59	MOROMICHI	6
#59	PIANIKAMAN	6
#59	KAKU AYUMI	6
#65	KATSURAGI SEIICHI	5
#65	HISHIBATA KAERU	5
#65	SHIMOSE YUI	5
#65	AN ANT	5
#65	TSUYUKI SAKURA	5
#65	NAKAI SAKURAKO	5
#65	WALL OF POLICE	5
#72	HAYAMI YUKITOSHI	4
#72	EVIL STALKER	4
#72	TANITA MASAKO	4
#75	SHIROGANE TAIICHI	3
#79	MOROZUMI BEN	3
#75	NITO KIKUE	3
#79	MIGIMORI YONETAROU	3
#79	DAISHIMA TAKUROU	2
#79	DIRECTOR	2
#79	HORIGUCHI YUUZOU	2
#79	KUBOTA TAKESHISAKU	2
#79	IKEDA RANKO	2
#79	OOZUKA & KARUBE	2
#79	EDGAR	2
#79	MOZU TAKAYASU	2
#79	WASHIO MASAKATSU	2
#88	GOUTA YOSHIHARA	1
#88	NISHIMURA DAIKI	1
#88	OIZUMI HIBARI	1
#88	CONGRESSMAN ARIKAI	1
#88	HORIGUCHI MINAMI	1
#88	GRASSHOPPER	1
#88	IHARA NORIYUKI	1



H_Oh! I know of something awesome
satorin_What, what?
H_It's a really great feeling
KETA_tell us
satorin_Yeah, I wanna know!!

satorin_I wonder if there's anythin
I can do
H_For instance?
satorin_To feel better about thing
KETA_at your house?
satorin_Yeah

H: Look at this: http://pgm942D37

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CHAPTER 67

犯 [EVERYTHING YOU WANT]

CRIME

OH
THESE SANDALS ARE SUPER-CUTE!!
YOU'LL BUY THESE FOR ME, RIGHT!?
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S...
SURE...
HEY, HEY SATOSHI
COULD YOU BUY THESE FOR ME?
WHAT ?
ガシ
AH
CAN I DO SOMETHING FIRST?
LIKE THIS...
WELL, LET'S HURRY UP AND GET IN THE STORE!!
IT'S SETTLED!!
S... SURE

...I DIDN'T PLAN TO DO THAT
...JUST, SUDDENLY...
I WANTED TO THROW MY GIRLFRIEND THROUGH THE SHOWCASE WINDOW

OHOHOHO, YOU THINK SO?
PERHAPS THEY MIGHT SUIT YOU, MA'AM
EACH OF THESE ITEMS IS TOP-OF-THE-LINE, OVER ONE MILLION YEN EACH
OHO
THIS ONE IS QUITE FINE TOO
YES, OF COURSE
MAY I TRY IT ON AS WELL
IT SURE IS
IT'S SO NICE
THIS ONE...
BUT HAVING ANY ONE OF THEM WOULD BE ENOUGH TO SHOW OFF YOUR STATUS!
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AND THIS AND THAT
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THIS TOO
AH
AH''
THIS ONE IS NICE TOO
WAIT JUST A
MA'AM''
AND
THIS ONE AND THAT ONE TOO
M... MA'AM?
MAYBE YOU COULD NARROW DOWN YOUR CHOICES A BIT...
AH
THOSE TWO ARE ALSO NICE...

ガチャーン
SHADDUP!!
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ガラガラ
AAAH—
THE POWER OF THE TEN-MILLION YEN PUNCH
IT'S SUCH A CHANGE—
ギィ
GHUAH

I HATE IT
HATE IT
HATE IT
I HATE WOOLY HEADS OF HAIR!!
GYAA

IT WAS JUST SO SUDDEN...
I JUST...
THINK ABOUT THAT PURPLE-WOOLY-HAIRED OLD LADY THAT'S AROUND SOMETIMES
WITH COLDHEARTED HATRED

IT WAS JUST SO SUDDEN...
I WANTED TO HAVE THOSE JEWELS ON ME...
I JUST HAD TO USE MY FISTS TO BEAT DOWN ANYBODY THAT GOT IN THE WAY...

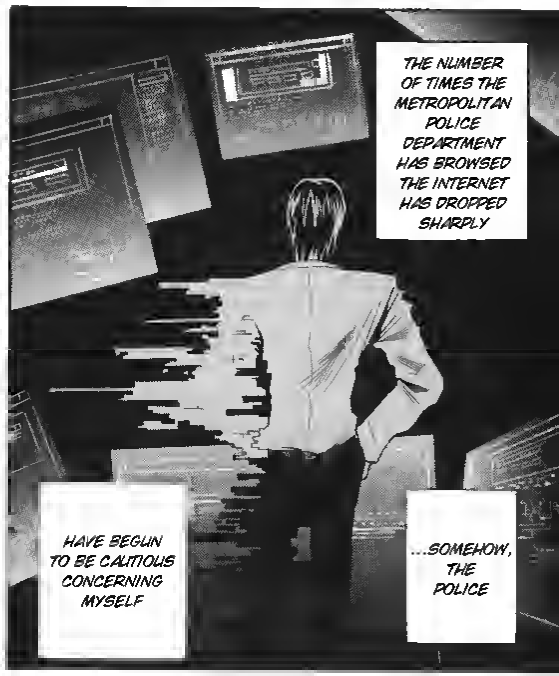
.....
IT REALLY WAS "SUDDENLY"!!
PLEASE BELIEVE ME, DETECTIVE!!
...I KNOW
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF DRAWING UP A COUNTER-ATTACK PLAN RIGHT NOW
...THIS IS BAD, MR. USUI
THE "INFECTION" IS ALREADY ADVANCING QUITE WELL
ONLY SOME OF OUR PEOPLE INFECTED BY IT KNOW
I CAN'T FINISH ANALYZING THE DETAILS
I WANT TO KNOW...
OF THIS ELECTRONIC DRUG YET
THE PROCESS BY WHICH HEALTHY PEOPLE ARE INFECTED WITH THE DATA
WELLLLLL, FOR YOUR COUNTER-ATTACK
I HAVE ONE SUGGESTION
?

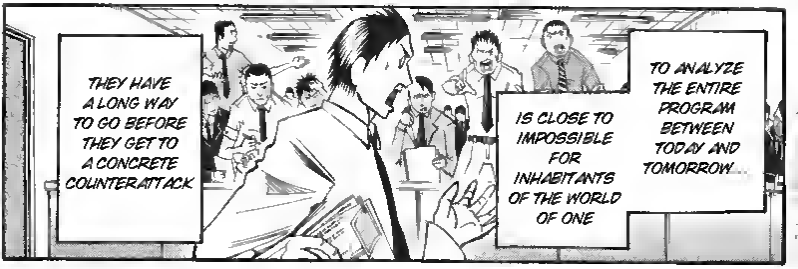
I DO
LET'S DO SOME HUMAN EXPERIMENTATION
WE CAN CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE DRUG
USING PRISONERS
THEIR MEMORIES OF THAT ARE FOGGY
EVEN IF I TALK TO THE PEOPLE THAT WERE INFECTED...
SURELY YOU DON'T MEAN
...HIGUCHI
THE POLICE MIGHT BE ROTTEN BUT
DON'T TAKE US FOR A BUNCH OF IDIOTS!!
WHAT, YOU THINK HUMAN EXPERI-MENTATION IS PERMITTED IN THIS LAW-ABIDING COUNTRY
AND IF WE DO THAT, SOON WE
DON'T EVEN THINK OF IT!!
OW
YOU TOO, MR TSUKUSHI
.....
THE NATION WOULDN'T ACCEPT THAT
FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF WE WENT THAT FAR WITH OUR COUNTER-ATTACK
IT'S A PROBLEM OF ETHICS
HIGUCHI

.....
IF WE DON'T SHOW WHAT WILL PROBABLY RESULT, THROUGH EXPERIMENTS...
THEY WON'T FEEL THAT IT'S A REALISTIC THREAT TO THE WORLD
BUT...
IS IT OKAY?
IT'S NOT AN EXAGGERATION
EACH TIME THEY WATCH IT
AS I SAID BEFORE
LURED IN BY THE PLEASURE OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
THE WHOLE COUNTRY COULD TURN INTO CRIMINALS
IF WE DON'T HANDLE IT WELL
AS IT STANDS NOW, THE VICTIMS WILL GRADUALLY SPREAD
PARTICULAR DESIRES INSIDE OF THEM...
ARE REINFORCED TO THE EXTREME
THE WHOLE COUNTRY...?
RIDICULOUS

"I'M FED UP WITH MY GIRLFRIEND BEING CARELESS WITH MY MONEY"
"I WANT TO COVER MY BODY WITH JEWELS"
"THAT OLD LADY'S PERM IN PARTICULAR PISSES ME OFF"
EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF BECOMING A CRIMINAL
YOU SAW IT IN THEM, DIDN'T YOU?
EVERYBODY HAS THAT, EVEN IF ONLY THE TINIEST LITTLE FEELING
THAT IF THOROUGHLY REINFORCED AND DWELLED UPON
WILL BE SURE TO MAKE THEM TURN TO CRIME
TURN TO CRIME...
LIKE YOU
HIGUCHI?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DON'T SAY WEIRD STUFF LIKE THAT, MR. USUI

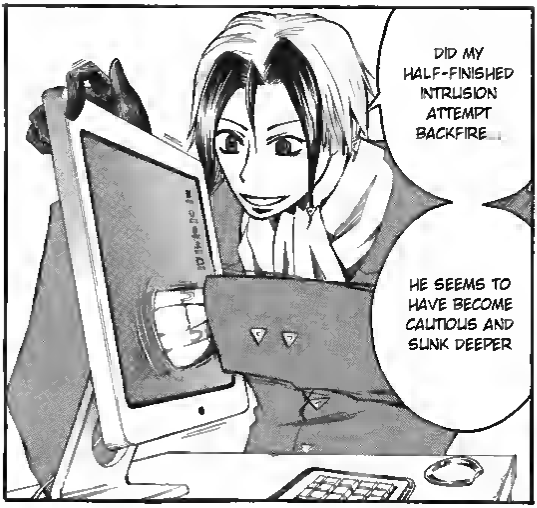
BUT
EVEN IF THEY AREN'T YET OUT OF THE WAY, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM


THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BROWSED THE INTERNET HAS DROPPED SHARPLY
HAVE BEGUN TO BE CAUTIOUS CONCERNING MYSELF
...SOMEHOW, THE POLICE

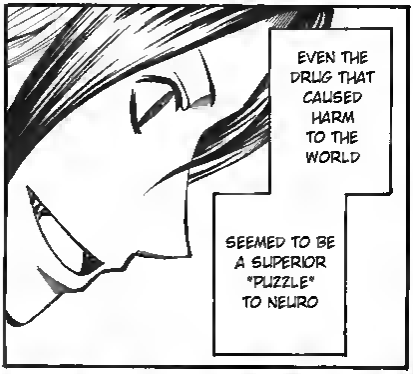

THEY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE THEY GET TO A CONCRETE COUNTERATTACK
IS CLOSE TO IMPOSSIBLE FOR INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD OF ONE
TO ANALYZE THE ENTIRE PROGRAM BETWEEN TODAY AND TOMORROW...

IS THE HUMAN THAT TRIED TO INTRUDE UPON
THE PROBLEM I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF
...

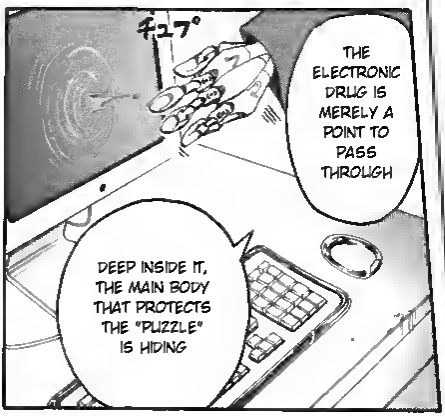
EVEN THOUGH I WAS CAMOUFLAGED BY THE CROWD AROUND ME
I WAS CORRECTLY TRACKED DOWN AND INVADED!!
A FEAT AN ORDINARY PROGRAMMER COULDN'T DO!!
!!
KATSURAGI YAKO'S DAEMON WORLD INVESTIGATION OFFICE!?
BACK-TRACKING, THE USER NAME WAS...
YOUR HUNCH WAS CORRECT
HEH HEH HEH OH HARUKAWA
I'LL HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR THAT GIRL!!


DID MY HALF-FINISHED INTRUSION ATTEMPT BACKFIRE...
HE SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME CAUTIOUS AND SUNK DEEPER

...HM
I CANNOT FIND IT


EVEN THE DRUG THAT CAUSED HARM TO THE WORLD
SEEMED TO BE A SUPERIOR "PUZZLE" TO NEURO

SINCE THEN
NEURO HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR HIS ESCAPED PREY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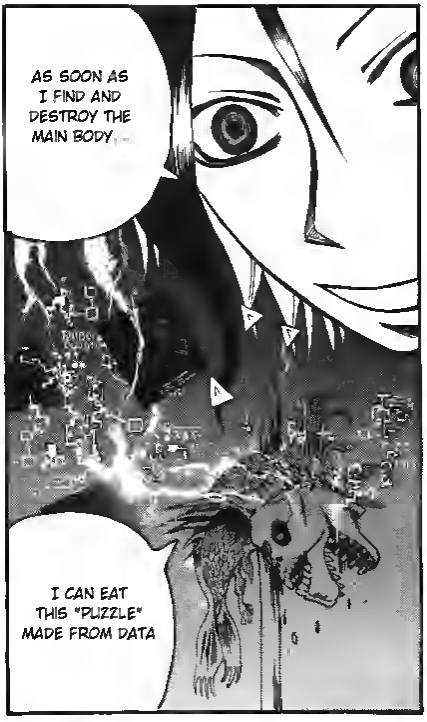
THE ELECTRONIC DRUG IS MERELY A POINT TO PASS THROUGH
DEEP INSIDE IT, THE MAIN BODY THAT PROTECTS THE "PUZZLE" IS HIDING

THE WORK IS IN SEARCHING FOR THE HIDDEN FOOD
LIKE THE CANDY-EATING RACE ON FIELD DAY

IT TASTED SO GOOD...
THAT I ATE THE FLOUR AROUND THEM, TOO


AS SOON AS I FIND AND DESTROY THE MAIN BODY...
I CAN EAT THIS "PUZZLE" MADE FROM DATA

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COUNTER-ATTACK?

IF IT WAS I WHO HAD BEEN INTRUDED UPON...
I MIGHT WELL MAKE SOME COUNTER-ATTACK BEYOND SIMPLY HIDING
BUT
NATURALLY, THE DIRECTION MY INVASION CAME FROM WILL HAVE BEEN NOTICED

HE MUST DESPERATELY TRY TO PROTECT HIMSELF...
FROM THOSE WHO WOULD DISCLOSE HIS IDENTITY

TO BRAINWASH PEOPLE AND DIRECT THEM TOWARDS CRIME...
IS, IN THIS WORLD AT LEAST, A SERIOUS CRIME, IF CAUGHT
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I WOULD WANT TO MAKE THE INTRUDER POWERLESS, LIKE SO
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IF YOU WERE AN INTRUDER
FOR INSTANCE
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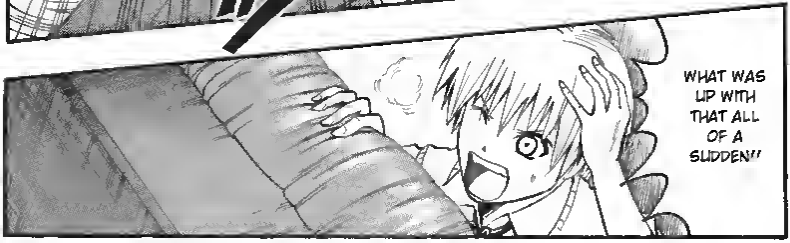
AND I WANTED TO PROTECT MY POOR WEAK SELF


WHAT WAS UP WITH THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN!!

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WHEN THE CREATOR OF THE PROGRAM
WANTS TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM ME
SIMILARLY
AT THAT POINT IN TIME
PERHAPS HE...
WILL BE WILLING TO MURDER TO DO SO

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A METHOD LIKE THIS
HE MAY EVEN BE HAPPY TO USE...
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WHAT!?
I DON'T GET IT!!
SUDDENLY THE CRANE JUST...
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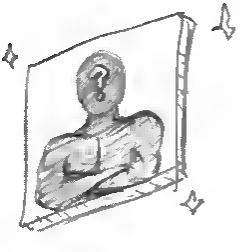
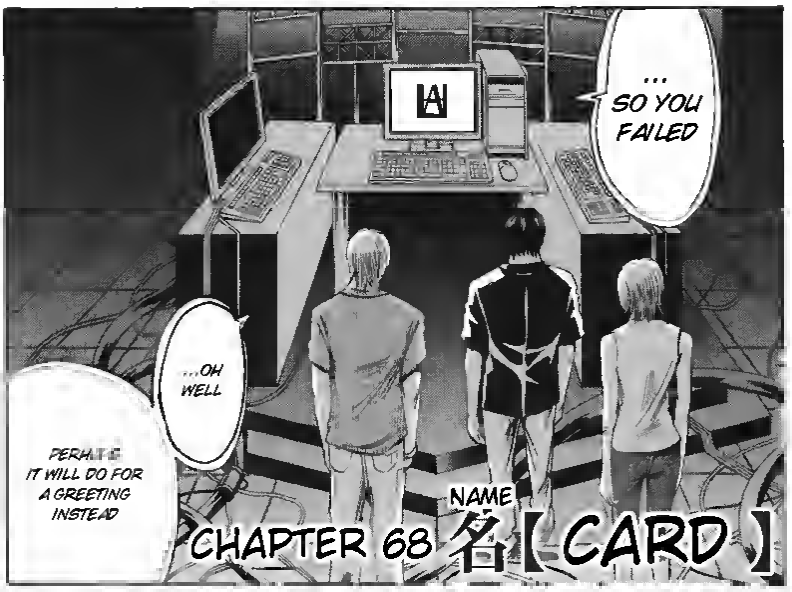
A DANCING STEEL BALL
FLEW INTO OUR OFFICE
AND THEN
THE PEOPLE WHO BEGAN TO TURN TO CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL WHO SHOOK
NO
THE CRIMINAL WHO SHOOK THE WORLD
THE COUNTRY

IT WAS THE AWAKENING OF ELECTRONIC PERSON HAL

CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF
THE DRAMA CD



THE PERSON PLAYING THE ROLE OF THE
CRIMINAL ASKED FOR US TO
"PLEASE COMPLETELY DESTROY IT."
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO IT



CHAPTER 68 名【NAME CARD】

SOONER OR LATER
SHE'LL COME TO PAY US A VISIT
OH HARUKAWA
IF KATSURAGI YAKO IS AS YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM A FAMOUS INVESTIGATOR
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DISTRIBUTE FREELY UNTIL LICENSED! TRANSLATIONS EXIST. ANONYMOUS DOES NOT FORGIVE!

IT'S TOO OVERDONE FOR A PRANK
ISN'T IT, ISHIGAKI
AH
Y-
YEAH
A WRECKING BALL WAS ATTACHED TO THE END OF THE CRANE
AND CRASHED THROUGH INTO THIS OFFICE
WHEN THE BUILDING DEMOLITION CREW LEFT THE SCENE FOR AN HOUR FOR LUNCH...
TH...
THAT'S...
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DO YOU KNOW WHO THE CRIMINAL COULD HAVE BEEN?
WE'RE AFTER SOME WITNESSES RIGHT NOW, BUT
UH...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN A BAD PRANK, YES!?
SINCE TEACHER IS SO FAMOUS, THERE ARE MANY THAT ENVY HER!!
NOBODY IS SO HORRIBLE THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO DESTROY OUR OFFICE!!

THOUGH HE HAD CONTACTED THE CRIMINAL ONLINE
IN THE REAL WORLD
HE DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE WHO IT WAS OR WHERE THEY WERE

AH
Y-
YEAH
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TERRIBLE CASES CROPPING UP AT RANDOM LATELY
HMM...
HONESTLY, WHAT'S BECOME OF JAPAN THESE DAYS
DON'TCHA THINK SO TOO, ISHIGAKI!!
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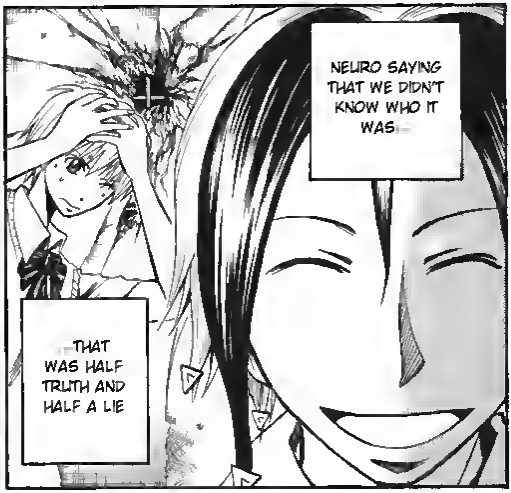
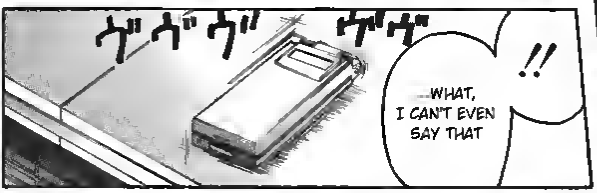

NEURO SAYING THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHO IT WAS...
...THAT WAS HALF TRUTH AND HALF A LIE

THE INTERNET AND THE REAL WORLD
THE PERSON WHO TRIED TO KILL NEURO IN BOTH...
WHERE IN THE WORLD WERE THEY?

IT'S NOT FAIR HOW MUCH TROUBLE IT IS, TO BE RUNNING AROUND AT THAT COMPANY
CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE ONLY GOT TIME FOR A QUICK ONE BEFORE I HEAD BACK...

...WHEW...
I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE TIME TO TAKE A DAY OFF TODAY EITHER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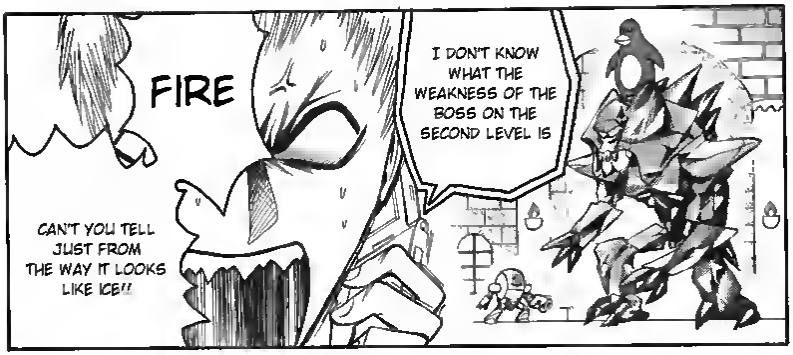
...WHAT, I CAN'T EVEN SAY THAT

GODAI
AN IMPORTANT QUESTION HAS COME UP
!?
WHAT KINDA TROUBLE?


FIRE
CAN'T YOU TELL JUST FROM THE WAY IT LOOKS LIKE ICE!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WEAKNESS OF THE BOSS ON THE SECOND LEVEL IS

EHHH...
DID WHAT WELL
NOW DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE YOU'VE DONE WELL FOR YOURSELF IN SUCH A COLD ENVIRONMENT
HAVING TO WORK SO HARD WHEN THERE'S NOBODY WITH ANY TALENT...

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GODAI
HEYA
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NOW NOW, JUST LEAVE IT BE
I DIDN'T REALLY COME HERE TO PICK A FIGHT WITH YOU TODAY
YUKI...
YOU ASSHOLE..
WHAT DO YOU WANT
HMPH
AND YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?
NOT HAVING ANY WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF?
YOU'RE NOT WEARING THAT HEAVY COAT...
NOWHERE TO HIDE THAT CHEAP TRICK OF YOURS WITH THE FISHING HOOKS
LOOKS LIKE IT TOO
BAH
I DON'T NEED THE COAT ANYMORE
WHAT I'VE GOT NOW...
IS SOMETHING STRONGER AND EASIER TO HANDLE

STOP IT, YUKI
GOOD GRIEF
IT'S TOUGH HAVING A LITTLE BROTHER WHO'S SO EAGER TO FIGHT
IF YOU WANT...
I COULD TRY IT OUT ON YOUR BODY...
ITS LETHALITY HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY
INTER-ESTING...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE HASN'T IT, GODA!
THOSE MONSTERS STILL DOING WELL?
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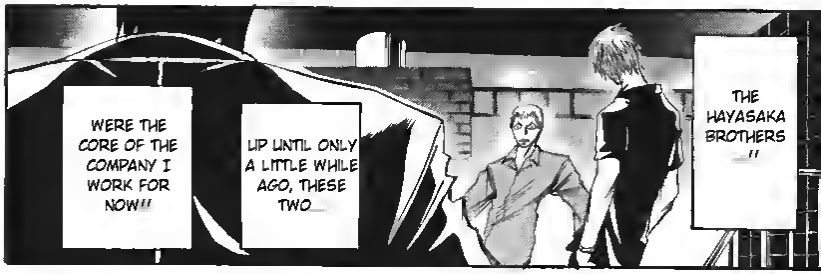
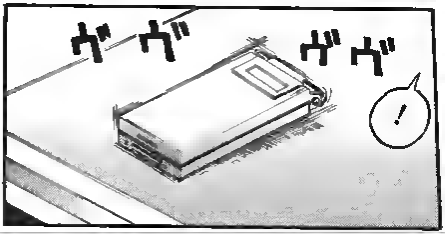

THE HAYASAKA BROTHERS...!!
UP UNTIL ONLY A LITTLE WHILE AGO, THESE TWO...
WERE THE CORE OF THE COMPANY I WORK FOR NOW!!

THE BLACK-HEARTED SCHEMER, THE ELDER BROTHER HISANORI
THE ONE WHO USED A HIDDEN WEAPON, THE YOUNGER BROTHER, YUKI
AFTER THEY WERE DEALT WITH BY THE MONSTERS FROM THE INVESTIGATOR'S OFFICE...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WENT

BAH
IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE FOR ME TO DO THE WORK YOU ASSHOLES DID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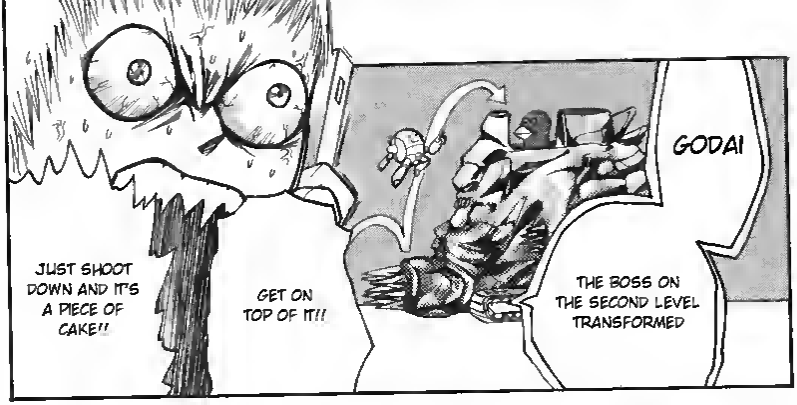
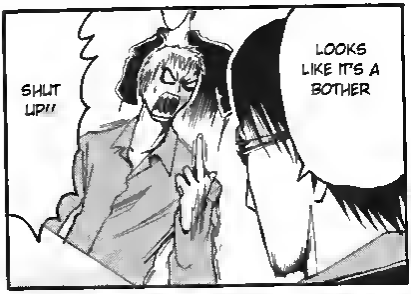
WE HEARD YOU SETTLED INTO THE SEAT OF VICE-PRESIDENT
AFTER WE PULLED OUT...
HOW IS IT?
WIPING THE ASS OF THAT INCOMPETENT PRESIDENT EVERY DAY


GODAI
THE BOSS ON THE SECOND LEVEL TRANSFORMED
GET ON TOP OF IT!!!
JUST SHOOT DOWN AND IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE!!


LOOKS LIKE IT'S A BOTHER
SHUT UP!!

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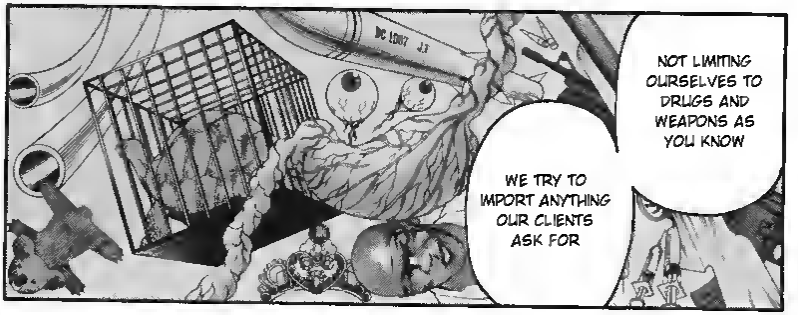
…?
COMPANY …?
YES
WE'RE RECONNECTING WITH CONTACTS WE MADE WHEN WE WERE WITH YOUR COMPANY

WELL, ANYWAY
WE JUST CAME BY TO SAY HELLO
WE'RE STARTING A NEW COMPANY

SPICE IMPORT / WHOLESALE
SMILE LTD.
MANAGING DIRECTOR
HAYASAKA HISA
SPICE IMPORT AND WHOLESALE ...?

HOW CONSIDERATE OF YOU...
WELL... THINK OF US AS A TRADING COMPANY THAT DEALS IN ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING

...HMMM...
I BET THOSE ARE SOME GREAT SPICES YOU DEAL IN EH?


NOT LIMITING OURSELVES TO DRUGS AND WEAPONS AS YOU KNOW
WE TRY TO IMPORT ANYTHING OUR CLIENTS ASK FOR

BAH
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING I WANT FROM YOU

MUCH WENT ON WITH YOUR COMPANY BUT...
LET'S PUT THE PAST BEHIND US
FEEL FREE TO GIVE US YOUR PATRONAGE

WHAT ?
BUT....
HMMM
SOMEHOW, YOU TWO....
SEEM MORE ALIVE THAN YOU DID BEFORE
IT FEELS LIKE YOU GOT RID OF SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T NEED
THAT'S RIGHT
A LARGE ORGANIZATION JUST GETS IN THE WAY
MY BROTHER AND I ARE AN UNBEATABLE DUO
WE'RE LIGHTER THIS WAY
HEH HEH HEH
IS THAT HOW YOU SEE IT?

...SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
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NH
ONE MORE THING
THERE'S SOMETHING YOU COULD SAY WE REGRET...
ON OUR MINDS
THE PARTNER IN THAT DEAL
WAS A BIT STRANGE
OF OUR LAST BIG DEAL
YOU AND THOSE INVESTIGATORS GOT IN THE WAY
WE MADE A DEAL WITH THAT SAME PARTNER FOR DOZENS OF HANDGUNS
JUST BEFORE WE MET
THAT DEAL WAS A FAILURE BUT...
.....?

...BUT
WHEN IT CAME TIME TO DO THE ACTUAL DEAL...
THERE WAS A WOMAN AMONG THE THREE ANONYMOUS PERSONS
IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FIREARMS

THE ORDER WAS PLACED ANONYMOUSLY ONLINE
THE MONEY TRANSFERRED CORRECTLY
THE FORMALITIES WERE FOLLOWED WITHOUT A PROBLEM

THE PLACE THEY LOADED THE VEHICLE AND RAN TO...

THOUGH THE TRANSPORTER OF THE GOODS IS THE ENDPOINT
THIS WORLD IS A WORLD OF TRUST
WE WERE AFRAID THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE LEAKED
WHEN THIS WAS HANDLED BY ORDINARY PEOPLE

REMEMBER, WE WERE A LITTLE UNEASY ABOUT OUR PARTNERS
WE HAD ONE OF OUR MEN FOLLOW

THE PRESTIGIOUS PRIVATE INSTITUTION, SAKUBA UNIVERSITY
WAS A SURPRISE
DID YOU KNOW, GODAI?
THERE'S BEEN A RASH OF VIOLENT CRIME AROUND HERE LATELY
UNIVER-SITY STUDENTS
IN A WEAPONS DEAL?
...!?
THAT WAS THE END OF IT
WE HAVEN'T BEEN CONTACTED BY THEM SINCE THEN
IS A SHARP INCREASE IN GUN-RELATED CRIME
...!?
MIXED IN AMONG THEM...
ENOUGH THAT IT WOULD MAKE AN ORDINARY PERSON GULP IN FEAR...

THERE'S NO DOUBT
THOSE GUNS ARE THE GUNS WE SOLD
EVERY ONE OF THEM, WHEN ASKED WHERE THEY GOT THE GUN...
SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN "THROWN AWAY"
BUT
GUNS ARE ANOTHER MATTER
A LOT OF OTHER CRIMES SEEM TO HAVE COME UP AND THAT'S FINE
RECENTLY IN THE WORLD...
UNDERWORLD TYPES USE GUNS HOWEVER THEY WANT TO KILL WHOEVER BUT
ALL OF SOCIETY WILL BREAK DOWN
IF GUNS MAKE THEIR WAY TO NORMAL PEOPLE LIKE THAT
MAYBE YOU KNOW TOO, GODAI
THERE HAVE TO BE BOTH ORDINARY AND UNDERWORLD TYPES OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS WORLD

GIVE OUR REGARDS TO THE INVESTIGATORS
WE'LL CERTAINLY BE BACK SOMEDAY...
TO PAY THEM BACK FOR MESSING UP OUR DEAL

THAT'S UNDESIRABLE, SO I FEEL A BIT RESPONSIBLE
WELL, GODA!
HOW YOU DEAL WITH THE INFORMATION WE GAVE YOU...
IS UP TO YOU

WE'RE GOING, YUKI

.....HEH

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I'VE GOT QUESTIONS FOR YOU
THAT WAS THE CONVERSATION I'D BEEN HAVING WHEN YOU CALLED BUT
...AND, WELL
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WINDOW LIKE THIS AT THE
LCD DISPLAY
ALL DIAMOND
WARP ZONE
LIVING
AS IF I COULD DO THAT!!
WHY ARE YOU MAKING ME DO THE REPAIRS
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WHY IS THERE A HOLE IN THE OFFICE AND...
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N...
LIKELY IN ITS RANKNG IN TERMS OF SCHOOL LUNCHES OR THE LIKE
HMPH
...THE LUNCHES THERE ARE E-RANK, SINCE THE LENGTH OF THEIR NOODLES IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE
...BUT SAKURA UNIVERSITY ...?
I THINK I'VE SEEN THAT NAME AROUND SOMEWHERE PRETTY RECENTLY...

IT WAS ON SOMEONE'S CARD!!
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PIZZA
I WAS SURE
NO NO
Professor, Sakuba University
Harukawa Eisuke
...THIS ONE...!!
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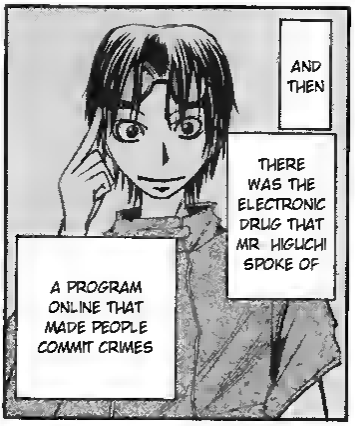
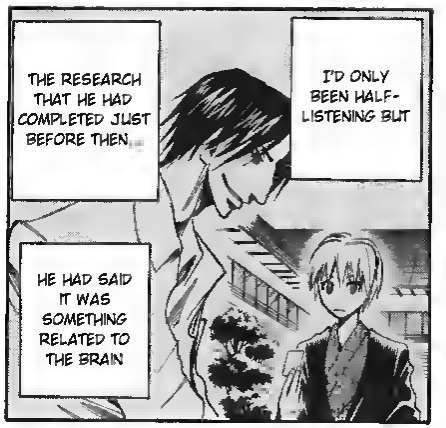
SEE, WE MET HIM AT THE ONSEN RYOKAN
I WAS SURE HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE BRAIN...

I'M A RESEARCHER AT THE UNIVERSITY HERE
IF YOU'RE IN THE AREA, DO STOP BY
YOUR BRAINS AND ABILITIES ARE QUITE FASCINATING
THOSE WHOSE MENTAL CAPABILITIES ARE OF INFERIOR STRENGTH... WILL NOT PREVAIL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE
PERHAPS YOU WILL SEE MY NAME AND FACE, HARUKAWA EISUKE
NEURO
HE...
AS THE MAN WHOSE GREAT RESEARCH WAS SUCCESSFUL
...HMM
AN ELECTRONIC DRUG THAT CONTROLS THE BRAIN...
IT SEEMS
IT MAY BE VALUABLE TO GO MEET THIS MAN

THE GREAT SAGA OF LAUGHTER AND TEARS:
"LETHAL WEAPON ROUND ROBO"

CHAPTER 69 殴【HIT】




THE RESEARCH THAT HE HAD COMPLETED JUST BEFORE THEN...
I'D ONLY BEEN HALF-LISTENING BUT
HE HAD SAID IT WAS SOMETHING RELATED TO THE BRAIN

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FRONT DESK
WHAT SORT OF BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH HIM?
AH... ERR...
HERE'S THE CARD HE GAVE US BACK THEN
WHEN WE MET HIM BEFORE, HE SAID HE'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH US
UM...
IS PROFESSOR HARUKAWA IN?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIM, I THINK HE WENT SOMEWHERE ON A TRIP
PROFESSOR HARUKAWA?
PROFESSOR HARUKAWA HAS BEEN TAKING A FEW DAYS OFF
IT SEEMS HE HASN'T BEEN TO WORK IN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS
AH...
REALLY...

HE OFTEN DOES
SAYING HE WANTS TO DO SOME THINKING ALONE, THAT KIND OF THING
HE'LL END UP DISAPPEARING FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY DAYS
...A TRIP?
YEAH
IF IT'S OKAY
CAN WE GO THERE FOR A LITTLE BIT?
SEE
HE'S A CAPRICIOUS PERSON
OHO
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WE MET HIM ON A TRIP AS WELL
I'M EZAKI
I'M STUDYING AT THE PROFESSOR'S RESEARCH LAB

THEY WANTED TO TALK TO THE PROFESSOR
SEE
HE'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW
AAH
NH
WHO'RE THEY?
IT WAS PURE CHANCE THAT I WAS NEARBY THE MOMENT THE WRECKING BALL WENT IN!!
AND IT WAS ALL ON TV!!
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AH!!
HIGHSCHOOL GIRL INVESTIGATOR KATSURAGI YAKO!!
WHOSE OFFICE
THAT HUGE EVENT HAPPENED AT!!
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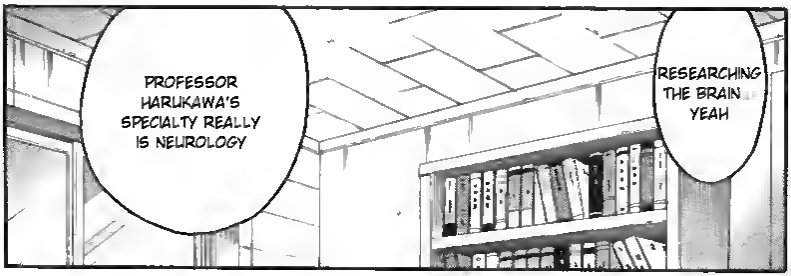
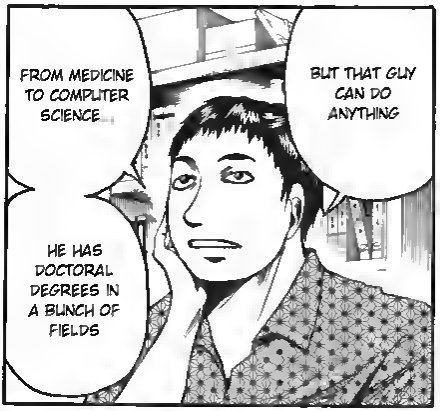

PROFESSOR HARUKAWA'S SPECIALTY REALLY IS NEUROLOGY
RESEARCHING THE BRAIN... YEAH

YEAH, HE DID
HE EVEN LEFT HIS MARK ON MY PHYSICS DISSERTATION


FROM MEDICINE TO COMPUTER SCIENCE...
BUT THAT GUY CAN DO ANYTHING
HE HAS DOCTORAL DEGREES IN A BUNCH OF FIELDS

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WELL, BUT THERE ARE ALSO TIMES HE'S BEEN THOUGHT OF AS WEIRD
PEOPLE CALL HIM A GENIUS
IT ALWAYS FELT LIKE HE WAS LOOKING DOWN ON YOU...

...WELL
I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE DETAILS
SINCE HE'D LOCK HIMSELF UP IN HIS RESEARCH LAB OVER THERE
HM
RECENTLY HERE...
WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH WAS HE DOING?
LATELY
YEAH, IT'S TRUE
HE'S BEEN MUTTERING TO HIMSELF IN THERE
FOR THE MOST PART, HE DIDN'T HELP THE PROFESSOR WITH ANY OF HIS RESEARCH
HE LIKED TO DO THINGS ON HIS OWN, THAT GUY
...WELL, IF YOU DO...
N?
YOU WANT TO SEE IT?
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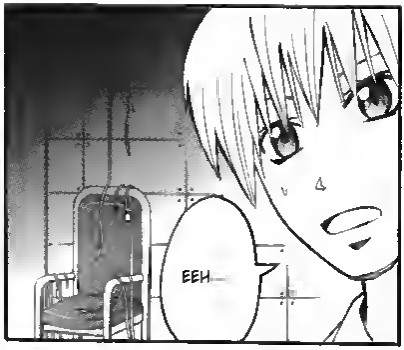
MAY WE GO INTO HIS RESEARCH LAB?

WE'LL LET YOU HAVE A SNEAK PEEK
BUT HE'D BE MAD IF WE WENT IN WHILE HE WAS AROUND


EEH...

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?
PRETTY BIG, HUH?
YOU CAN'T NORMALLY GET A RESEARCH LAB LIKE THIS WHEN YOU'RE SO YOUNG

BUT THIS IS THE ONLY SPACE WITHOUT A LAYER OF DUST
SOMETHING WAS REMOVED RECENTLY, WAS IT?
SOMETHING VERY LARGE
THIS PLACE...
HAS QUITE A LOT OF SPACE?
I WONDER WHAT IT WAS USED FOR...
THAT HIGH-POWERED SUPERCOMPUTER
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YEAH
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHEN DID THAT DISAPPEAR?
YEAH
THERE WAS A SUPERCOMPUTER THERE UNTIL VERY RECENTLY
ONE OF THE HIGHEST-POWERED ONES IN JAPAN
YEAH
I THINK IF YOU ASKED AROUND, YOU'D BE ABLE TO FIND OUT MORE
??
A SUPER-COMPUTER?

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WELL
WE DIDN'T EVEN HELP HIM WITH THE WIRING
NOT A CLUE
HM
MAKE NO MISTAKE
THAT MAN IS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN PROFESSOR HARUKAWA AND EVERYONE ELSE
WHAT NOW, NEURO?
WHEN THE PROFESSOR ISN'T EVEN HERE
THERE'S NOT MUCH POINT IN ASKING ABOUT THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
THIS ROOM WAS OF NO FURTHER USE TO HIM
AND MOVED ON TO THE NEXT STAGE
HE ACHIEVED SOME GOAL

HAVE NO WORRIES''
OWW
MY TEACHER CAN EVEN NOT MOVE HER OWN HEART
...WELL, WE'RE HEADING BACK UPSTAIRS
PLEASE DON'T MOVE ANYTHING TOO MUCH
IT'LL BE A PAIN IF THE PROFESSOR FINDS OUT
MMMYEAH, FOR SURE
SHE DOESN'T ACT LIKE THE INVESTIGATOR EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT
...INTERESTING, THOSE TWO
BY THE WAY, ABOUT THOSE TWO, WELL...
AH
YEAH
SOME STRANGE PEOPLE DO LIKE HIM
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE INTERESTED IN THE PROFESSOR

MY ONLY THOUGHT IS THAT I WANT TO BEAT THEM TO DEATH
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EEHHH
WELL, TO EACH HIS OWN
UNTIL THEY'RE BEYOND RECOGNITION
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ギシ…

NEURO!!
WHA...

HIS MINION
SO YOU ARE...

...HM

AS FAR AS APPEARANCES GO
IT'S IMPORTANT
TO NOT LET OUT EVEN A HINT THAT YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING

IF YOU SEE HOW THEY'RE NOT CONCERNED...
THE OTHER TWO ARE THE SAME
SURE, LET'S
SHOULD WE EAT OUT FOR LUNCH TODAY

I...
LOVE SMASHING WATERMELONS OPEN
...!?
YOUR OFFICE WAS AMAZING
PUNCHING A HOLE THROUGH
THE FLAT SURFACE OF THE BUILDING
I SUPPOSE I JUST LOVE BLUNT WEAPONS
...
WHEN I HIT THINGS WITH HARD HEAVY OBJECTS...
AH!
THEY SPLATTER EVERYWHERE SO NICELY
AND THEN, WELL

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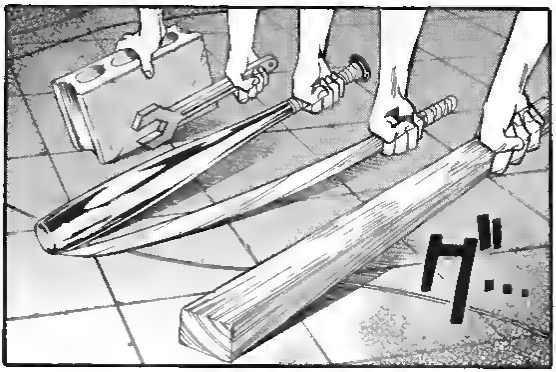
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIKE ME
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, THEY CAN BE YOUR OPPONENTS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WANT TO HIT...
I WANT TO HIT PEOPLE
THESE PEOPLE ARE BEING CONTR-OLLED...!?
NEURO...
SMACK THEM AROUND AND BEAT THEM TO DEATH...
I WANT TO SEE THEIR SKULLS SPLIT OPEN...
I HAVE WEAK-ENED
I CANNOT AFFORD TO HANDLE THIS POORLY
WHAT DO WE DO, NEURO!!
THE PEOPLE BEING CONTROLLED AS YOUR OPPONENTS
I HAVE A FRONT-ROW SEAT FOR WATCHING PEOPLE'S BONES GET BROKEN...
THIS IS AWESOME
I'LL HAVE TO THANK HIM
MM
IF THAT IS THE CASE...

THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE PLAYING AROUND HERE

.....WHAT ...!?
HUH...
I HAVE NO PARTICULAR
PLANS FOR ANY OF YOU
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHERE THE "PUZZLE" IS
THE ONE YOUR MASTER MADE...
THE PLACE THE PROGRAM OF EVIL INTENT IS HIDDEN

TELL THIS TO THE MAN WHO LEADS YOU IN CRIME
MY NAME IS NEURO
DO NOT RUN AWAY
I WILL DEVOUR WITH GREAT RELISH...
THE PROGRAM THAT YOU CREATED WITH YOUR HEART AND SOUL...
...HM
WELL, WE APPEAR TO HAVE MADE CONTACT
I BELIEVE WE ARE FINISHED WITH THIS PLACE FOR TODAY
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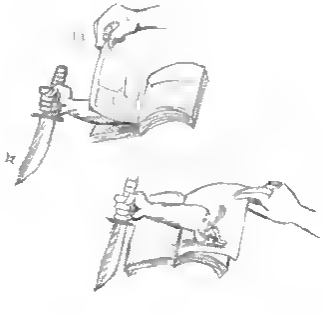
THE CREATOR OF THE ELECTRONIC DRUG WAS HARUKAWA EISUKE
WE COULD CLEARLY SEE THAT THESE PEOPLE WERE UNDER ITS CONTROL
WELL THEN, LET US RETURN HOME, YAKO
REJOICE, FOR I HAVE PREPARED STAIRS
AH
HE'S CLIMBING THEM
I...
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE MADE IT
BUT...
IT FELT LIKE MR HIGUCHI'S THEORY WAS A BIT OFF
WHAT WAS HE PLANNING AND WHY DID HE MAKE THE PROGRAM?
THIS PERSON...



FAKE

REGARDING THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN A SERIES OF VIOLENT CRIMES LATELY...
THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS FORMALLY ISSUED A STATEMENT...
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A BRAINWASHING PROGRAM MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE INTERNET!!

CHAPTER 70 画【IMAGE】

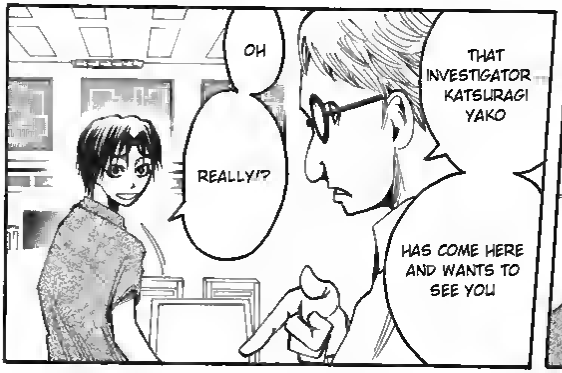
ADVISES THAT YOU NOT OPEN ANY SUSPECT LINKS AND
AS A COUNTER-MEASURE, THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
IF POSSIBLE, LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU USE THE COMPUTER
THERE WERE PARTIAL RUMORS OF THIS VIDEO BUT
WE CANNOT HIDE OUR SURPRISE AT THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT

TRANSLATION: ANONYMOUS EDITING: ANONYMOUS CLEANING: ANONYMOUS
DISTRIBUTE FREELY UNTIL LICENSED TRANSLATIONS EXIST. ANONYMOUS DOES NOT FORGIVE!

HA HA
FURTHER-MORE
IF THERE ARE THAT MANY PEOPLE AROUND YOU THAT WORK WITH COMPUTERS, IF THERE IS A HINT THAT THEY HAVE TURNED TO CRIME

THIS PLAN IS JUST AS INEFFECTIVE
THAT'S WHY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO EXPERIMENT ON PEOPLE

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS
EVERYONE WORKS WITH COMPUTERS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

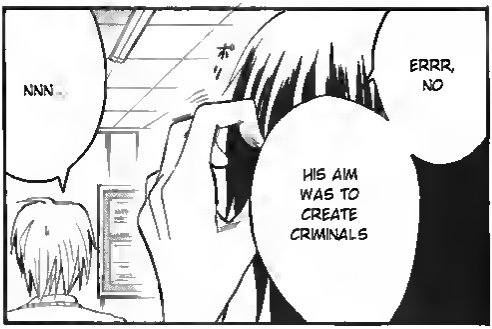

OH
REALLY!?
THAT INVESTIGATOR KATSURAGI YAKO
HAS COME HERE AND WANTS TO SEE YOU

HIGUCHI
!?

SEEMS LIKE THINGS ARE GETTING PRETTY BAD
AH...
HI
YOUR OFFICE BEING DESTROYED, GETTING ATTACKED AT THE UNIVERSITY AND SO ON
HEYA, KATSURAGI!
I DON'T THINK WE'LL FIND ANY REMNANTS OF A SPECIFIC REMEDY FOR THE ELECTRONIC DRUG
AT LEAST, IF I WERE HIM, I WOULDN'T LEAVE THAT BEHIND
NO IDEA
DO YOU KNOW WHERE PROFESSOR HARUKAWA WENT?
Y-YEAH...
WENT I WENT THERE, THE RESEARCH LAB WAS JUST AN EMPTY SHELL
WE CONFISCATED THE RESEARCH DATA THAT HE LEFT BEHIND AND ARE ANALYZING IT BUT...
WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS SPARSE

AND THAT GENIUS HARUKAWA ATTEMPTED IT
IF IT WAS CONVERTED TO HANDLE HUGE AMOUNTS OF DATA
...TO CREATE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD MAKE PEOPLE COMMIT CRIMES
IT WOULD HARDLY BE DIFFICULT
AND ABOUT THE COMPUTER THAT HAD BEEN THERE
AH!
TURNS OUT IT WAS ORIGINALLY USED FOR ANALYZING THE HUMAN GENOME
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?
THE PROGRAM CAN DO JUST THAT...
I WONDER IF IT WAS REALLY JUST TO PRODUCE CRIMINALS?
THAT'S TRUE BUT
.....

AND THEN
IN THE EYES ON THE ONE WHO SAID HE WANTED TO HIT PEOPLE
THAT TOO WAS NO LIE
WHEN WE SPOKE TO THOSE THREE ABOUT HARUKAWA
THERE WAS NO SIGN IN THEIR EYES THAT THEY WERE HIDING ANYTHING
AND THAT IS WHY...
I WAS TAKEN IN SO EASILY BY THEIR TRAP
INSIDE EACH PERSON...
TWO WILLS EXIST NEATLY SIDE-BY-SIDE
IT FEELS LIKE... THAT ELECTRONIC DRUG
ISN'T ANYTHING MORE THAN A STAGE TO PASS THROUGH
IF IT WAS ONLY TO MAKE CRIMINALS...
THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY BENEFIT TO PROFESSOR HARUKAWA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ERRR, NO
HIS AIM WAS TO CREATE CRIMINALS

EVEN PEOPLE WHO'D DESIRE A WORLD OF CHAOS, FILLED WITH CRIMINALS...
I COULDN'T SAY HOW MANY, BUT SOME, I THINK
KATSURAGI
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK IN ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT WAYS IN THIS WORLD

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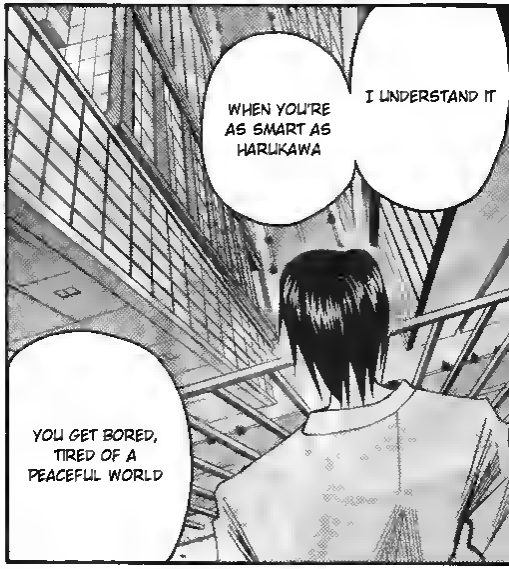
WELL
I AGREE WITH YOUR ALTERNATE IDEA, TOO
IT CONFLICTS A LITTLE WITH MY POINT OF VIEW, BUT


I UNDERSTAND IT
WHEN YOU'RE AS SMART AS HARUKAWA
YOU GET BORED, TIRED OF A PEACEFUL WORLD

EVEN WHILE PEOPLE ARE CAUGHT UP IN THE ELECTRONIC DRUG...
THEIR ACTIONS ARE BEING CONTROLLED
AND THEN
THERE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE THE MOST DEEPLY UNDER HIS CONTROL, HIS FAITHFUL SERVANTS...
THOSE WHO WERE CLOSEST TO HARUKAWA'S RESEARCH LAB...
THOSE THREE PEOPLE

SORRY, HAL
WE COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT HE...
THAT ASSISTANT
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE IS NO AVERAGE PERSON
...I SAW
NEURO..
NOT ONLY THE BRAIN BEHIND THE SOLVING OF EACH CASE!!
BUT ALSO THE ONE WHO CAME TO CHALLENGE MY WORLD OF ZEROS AND ONES!!
I UNDER-STAND IT ALL NOW
KATSURAGI YAKO WAS NOTHING BUT A MERE PUPPET
SUCH A SHAMELESS NAME... CALLING HIMSELF A MASTER OF THE BRAIN, PERHAPS
NEURO... NEURO...
neuro (nyuaro) 神経
neuron (nyuaran) 神経細胞
神経系統の基本構成単位

ALL OF IT WAS NEURO...
THE ONE I SHOULD HAVE BEEN CAUTIOUS ABOUT!!
VERY WELL NEURO
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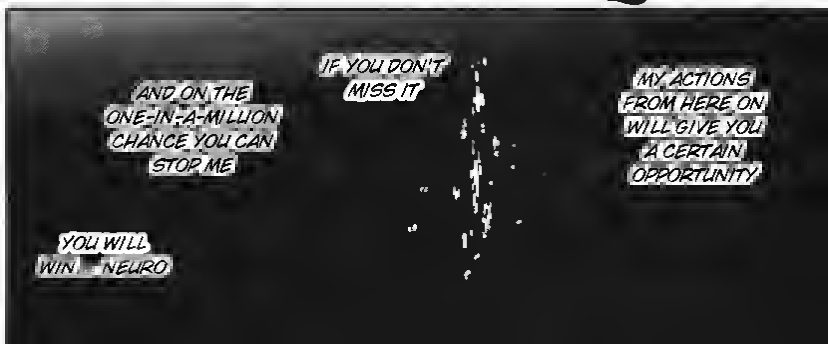
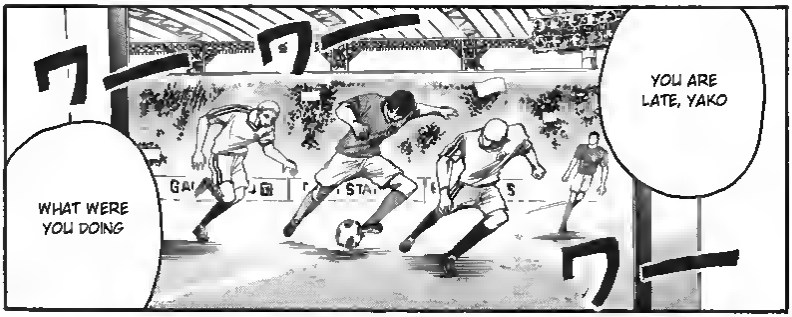
CHILD OF THE NEURONS!!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
.....
"DO NOT RUN AWAY" ...?
I AM ONLY HIDING FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME

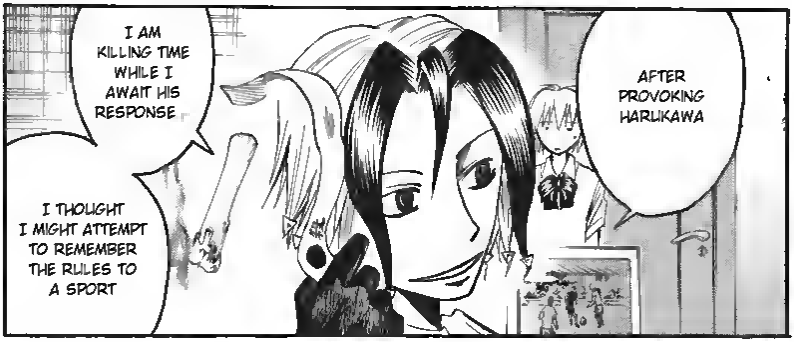
I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!!


AND ON THE ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE YOU CAN STOP ME
IF YOU DON'T MISS IT
MY ACTIONS FROM HERE ON WILL GIVE YOU A CERTAIN OPPORTUNITY
YOU WILL WIN — NEURO


YOU ARE LATE, YAKO
WHAT WERE YOU DOING

I AM CHEERING ON THE SOCCER TEAM, OF COURSE
HM
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NEURO

AH
I WENT TO TALK WITH MR. HIGUCH A BIT...
UH


I AM KILLING TIME WHILE I AWAIT HIS RESPONSE
AFTER PROVOKING HARUKAWA
I THOUGHT I MIGHT ATTEMPT TO REMEMBER THE RULES TO A SPORT

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...WELL...
I HAVE NO IDEA
THEY HAVE LOST THIS MATCH IN THE FOUR YEARS BEFORE, HAVE THEY NOT?
SURELY IT CANNOT BE MISSED
THE MATCH THEY ARE PLAYING NOW
HOWEVER, I HAVE HEARD THAT EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY IS WATCHING
THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT IT WOULD BE A HUGE HELP TO SOCIETY...
IF HE JUST ATE THE "PUZZLE" OF THE PROGRAM
AND DESTROYED IT IN THE END
THE ELECTRONIC DRUG WAS INFLUENCING PEOPLE SOMEHOW BUT...
NEURO SPOKE LIKE HE DIDN'T CARE
TO NEURO'S CHALLENGE?
REALLY...
WHAT WOULD PROFESSOR HARUKAWA'S RESPONSE BE...

THIS WILL GIVE THEM A ALL-TOO-PAINFUL PENALTY KICK!!
AAAAAAH, THEY GOT A FOUL!!
.....
INCIDENTALLY, YAKO
DO YOU KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE RULES...
OF THIS SOCCER GAME?
NAH, NOT REALLY
ABOUT AS MUCH AS YOU SEE ON THE SPORTS NEWS
AH, S-SORRY
I'LL STUDY IT FOR NEXT TIME
.....
I SEE...
I AM GLAD YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN IT

THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULACE THAT KNOWS THE RULES...
MAY PERHAPS BE ASTONISHED TO SEE THIS ON TV
WELL, NIPPON JUST WANTS IT ALL TO END HERE NO MATTER WHAT!!
OF COURSE, THE KICKER THIS SEASON IS BATTING 360 WITH 40 HOME RUNS AND NOT MOVING FROM HIS SPOT AS #4!!
HE'S TAKING THE SHORT APPROACH
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THE IMAGE OF THIS IMPOSSIBLE-TO-UNDERSTAND MATCH
AND HE HIT!!
AMAZING, RIGHT IN THE FACE, A BALL-IN-ONE!!
MAKES PEOPLE STARE

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HERE, IN ONE BURST
HE MAY DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HIS MINIONS

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THE ELECTRONIC DRUG HIJACKED THE SIGNAL
A FAIR NUMBER OF PEOPLE SAW IT, I IMAGINE
WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT AND THAT NOISE JUST NOW!?
WH...
THE NUMBER OF CRIMINALS WILL SHARPLY INCREASE AGAIN PERHAPS
AFTER TONIGHT...
COMPARED TO THE GUERILLA TACTICS HE USED UNTIL NOW
IT IS NECESSARY TO USE FAR MORE ENERGY TO HIJACK THE TELEVISION SIGNAL
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BUT
I CAN HOME IN ON HIS POSITION NOW
THAT'S…!?

...AND THAT IS WHY, YAKO
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I WILL ARRIVE AT THE HIDDEN "PUZZLE"
IF I FOLLOW THE SOURCE OF THAT ENERGY
I SHALL ONCE AGAIN DIVE INTO
THE WORLD OF HIS CREATION
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